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TO A——

"——the heart, that all
Which tyranny can ne'er enthral."

THE heart—the heart! the proud, full heart!
One hope, an age—one thought, a life;
It will not bend by human art—
It will not yield to outward strife,
But chain the body down—and still
It holds its own—retains its will.

Then take my all—*my heart's* my own,
No tyrant can deprive of that;
No power usurp its inward throne;
No change—rain boast!—it is too late,
And past all change—beyond all care—
Thou reign'st a little tyrant there. s.

THE BOOK OF NATURE.

Number 4, of the second volume of the Book of Nature, has just appeared, in its accustomed neat and appropriate dress. It contains ten large quarto engravings, comprising an infinite variety of subjects in the Animal Kingdom, and the department, of Botany, Mineralogy, Anatomy, &c.

The first plate gives drawings of those extraordinary quadrupeds, the Hippopotamus and American Tapir; in relation to the latter we extract the following.

THE AMERICAN TAPIR.

The Tapir is a peaceable animal, and never attacks man or beast, unless from provocation. It is frequently hunted, on account of its flesh, which the native Indians think extremely fine; but more polished society consider it rank and disagreeable; and its hide is highly valued on account of its great thickness. Bonnani assures us, he has frequently fired at a female tapir, crossing a river with her young, with her paps heavily loaded, without giving her the least annoyance, or diverting her from the course she was pursuing, although he could distinctly see the impression of the ball on her skin. When pursued by dogs, the tapir always takes to the water, where he defends himself with great obstinacy; and, in this situation, it is impossible for dogs to overpower him, as he is standing on his feet, while they are swimming. When they approach, he seizes them in his teeth, shakes them, and frequently takes out the piece by which he held, and otherwise wounds them severely.

This animal is very fond of the water, and bathes whenever he awakes from his sleep. The range of the tapir is more extensive than that of any other animal of his size. He inhabits every part of South America, east of the great chain of the Andes, from the Straits of Magellan to the Isthmus of Darien; but is most abundant within the Tropics. His highest range, in the province of Mexico, appears to be from three to three thousand six hundred feet above the level of the sea.

Sonnini tells us, that in Cayenne, the tapir is domesticated, and allowed to walk at liberty in the streets. The same ones abandon their nocturnal habits, and go during the day to the neighbouring woods to feed, always returning home at night. They are fond of being noticed, and will follow their master, exhibiting various tokens of attachment.

The female produces in November, and only one at a time, in the care of which she is entirely unassisted by the male.

GOLD-BREASTED TRUMPETER.

In length about 22 inches; and its legs are five inches high and completely covered with small scales, which reach two inches above the knee: the prevailing colour of its plumage is black: the feathers of the head and neck are very short and downy: those of the fore part of the neck and upper part of the breast are of a splendid glossy golden-green, with a reflection of blue, in some lights: those between the shoulders are rust-coloured, changing to a pale ash-colour as the proceed downwards: they are all loose and silky: the scapulary feathers are very long, and those of the tail are short, and are twelve in number: the legs are greenish: the beak is yellowish-green.

This bird inhabits the extensive and lofty upland forests of South America; never visiting the cleared grounds, nor the settlements: it associates in numerous flocks: it walks and runs, rather than flies, since it never rises more than a few feet from the ground, and then only to reach some short distance, or to gain some lower branches: it feeds on wild fruits, and when surprised in its haunts, makes its escape by the swiftness of its feet, at the same time emitting a shrill cry, not unlike that of a turkey.

The most characteristic and remarkable property of these birds consists in the wonderful noise which they often make either of their own accord, or when urged by the trumpeter. This noise, which somewhat resembles the moan of pigeons, is at times preceded by a savage cry, interrupted by a sound approaching that of *sherk, sherk*: in this way the bird utters five, six, or seven times, with precipitation, a hollow voice, emitted from within its body, nearly as if one pronounced *tou, tou, tou, tou, tou*, keeping the mouth shut, resting upon the last *tou*—a very long time. It also much resembles the lengthened doleful noise which the Dutch bakers make by blowing a glass trumpet, to inform their customers when the bread comes out of their ovens. This odd sort of noise is probably owing to the sacs under the bird's lungs, and the capacity of their membraneaceous cells.

This bird is easily tamed, and becomes attached to its benefactor, which it distinguishes with marks of affection. Vosmaer having reared one, says—"When he opened the cage in the morning, the bird immediately hopped round, expanding its wings and trumpeting, as if to wish him good morning: it showed equal attention when he went out and returned: no sooner did it perceive him at a distance, than it ran to meet him; and even when he happened to be in a boat, and not his foot on shore, it welcomed him with the same complaints, which it reserved for him alone, and never bestowed upon others."

THE LARK.

Larks are distinguished from all other birds by the superior length of their hinder claws, which, in some of the species, are upwards of an inch in length, and totally incapacitates them from perching on trees; consequently, they rest on the ground, where they all place their nests: some few, that have shorter claws, perch upon trees, but only on the larger branches. From the situation of their nests they are greatly exposed to the attacks of predaceous animals of the weasel kind, &c., which destroy great numbers of the eggs and young: the cuckow also frequently deposits its eggs in them.

These are the only birds that sing during flight, and there are few persons that have heard their song, but must have admired the various modulations of their melodious strains, which may be heard when the performers are invisible from the great height to which they soar. Their usual food consists of insects and their larvæ; they will also eat seeds, and in a state of confinement, will eat bread, eggs, &c.

YELLOW PERCH.

Under favorable circumstances, for instance, in a deep, large pond, shaded by a thrifty growth of brushwood on the margin, the yellow perch attains a large size, and becomes elegant in its proportions. In the pectoral fins are fourteen, ventral five, anal twelve, caudal eighteen or twenty, and dorsal fourteen rays.

As long ago as in the year 1790, Dr. Mitchell, of New York, conveyed three dozen of yellow perch in a churn, from Rockaskama pond, in Suffolk, to Success pond, in Queens', a distance of forty miles, where they had never been seen, and from that period to the present time, they have continued to multiply and keep the water amply stocked. In our humble view, the yellow fins of the silver perch, entitle it to the name and rank of the one before us,—and further, we believe they are one and the same thing,—the trifling difference of colour depending on circumstances, repeatedly adverted to in various other places. The love and imitation of subdivision—the longing to be the creator of new genera and species, has introduced more confusion into works of natural history, than can be expurgated in fifty years of common sense to come.

The universal distribution of this family has led to some curious hypotheses of the manner in which the ova were dispersed. About fifty years ago, all at once, perch were discovered in all the lakes in Ireland, and in the Shannon.

Mr. Clinton quotes the remark from Gmelin, that duck may swallow the eggs of fishes and eject them again, unhurt, so that they will afterwards come to maturity. Adanson, in Africa, observed small fishes, in morasses formed by recent rains, which were red, and lively. Whenever the water was evaporated they died, and after a new rain others appeared like them. Within six or seven years, early walkers discovered on Boston common, one morning on immense number of live fishes on the grass. In this case, the wind had an agency.

Dr. Hosack, many years since, had an artificial pond excavated in a botanic garden, which, to the utter surprise of everybody, was speedily supplied with little fish. All these instances of the spontaneous birth of fish are not so very miraculous as would at first appear. Birds are the unpeasonable agents in the transportation of the ova, either in their own bodies, or sometimes by actually carrying the body of a dead fish, filled with ova.

Ponds may be successfully stocked, by carrying the eggs in water. The Chinese practise this, profitably. Fish may be transported from country to country in a jar of water, if careful to change it occasionally, on the voyage. An electrical eel, in this way, was brought to Boston from South America, alive.

The following fish belongs to the fourth division of the family *Percoides*, distinguished by irregular teeth, a branchial membrane with seven rays, operculum dentated, or not with some sort of spines,—and lastly, according to the system of classification we fish pursuing, should be grouped with the *Pleurones*.

STRIPED BASS, ROCK-BASS;—*Perca labrax*. [Linn. Scoper Bloch.] On the sides are parallel lines, like narrow ribbons, eight in number, which give it the name of striped bass; the scales are large, of a metallic lustre; in the operculum the middle plate is serrated; the last portion of the third plate, the gill-cover, constituted of three pieces, has two nearly concealed spines.

In the branchial membrane are seven rays, pectoral sixteen, ventral six, dorsal eight in the first, and fourteen in the second, anal fifteen, and in the caudal seventeen; some of them in each fin, according to the size it would appear of the individual, are stiff or spinous.

Three or four of the stripes reach the tail,—the number not always being constant; and the remainder gradually disappear at different points on the abdominal walls; the eyes are white, the head strikes one as being long, and the under jaw, as in the pike, just beyond its elbow. Next to the mackerel, this is decidedly the handsomest of the native fishes.

Bass, says the late distinguished De Witt Clinton, is a Dutch word, signifying *perch*. The resemblance between the fishes in Lake Erie, and those in the Atlantic, is so striking, that they must be referred to a common origin. It cannot be true that our inland fresh-water seas were peopled with aquatic beings when the deluge subsided. That some of the lakes may have received inhabitants in that way, we should not attempt to deny; but that there has been no other mode of stocking them, is so unphilosophical, that it would greatly embarrass a man to maintain an argument to that effect. In this *same Lake Erie*, we found the *rock-bass*, and the *white bass*, a fac-simile of the striped bass of the ocean; yet nothing would be more difficult than to hold a water communication with the sea. Even the *herring*, supposed to require salt water, at least some part of the year, is a steady resident of this lake.

Our remarks on the probable manner in which eels are distributed over the country, will also explain the mystery of these Atlantic fishes being in fresh water, equally developed, and obviously *climated*,—because the species have not become deteriorated,—but have doubtless been the agents in transporting the spawn.

Striped bass are a sea fish, but principally subsist near the mouths of rivers, up which they run as high as they can conveniently go. During the approach of winter, instead of striking out into the deep water of the open ocean, like most other anadromous species, the bass finds a residence in ponds, coves, rivers, and still arms of the sea, where, undisturbed and comfortable, it remains till the following spring. The principal rivers in the state of Maine, as the Penobscot, &c., are the places where they are taken in the greatest abundance, and of the finest flavour and size. In all the rivers, too, of Massachusetts, they are also found, at the inclement season of winter, but the fishery is not so productive as in Maine, whence the best in the Boston market are annually brought.

It is thought that the bass remains more constantly on the coast, through the year, than almost any other fish, being taken in every month, but most valued in the keen, severely cold weather of winter. They weigh from three to fifty pounds.

A striped bass, weighing forty pounds, was taken by a coloured servant, on the banks of Harlem river, a little south of the bridge. The fish was discovered by the man, from the end of the dock, which projected some distance into the river. At times he would sail gently along past the dock, into quite shoal water; but how to capture him, was the question. No net, or hook and bait was at hand, and, as the golden opportunity might not last long, our hero resolved to encounter him single-handed, in his native element, and, at a favourable moment, he leaped from the dock directly upon his back. The affrighted fish darted from under him, as though a shark was in pursuit, and, as luck would have it, took a direction for the main river, and ran up nearly high and dry into the mud. Before he could get fairly afloat again, and have plenty of sea-room to make his escape, the coloured man seized him by the gills, dragged him upon the beach, and secured his prize.

Not many years ago, there was a strange and fatal epidemic raging among the bass in Boston harbour. Great numbers floated towards the navy-yard, at Charlestown, much swollen, and speedily putrescent after coming to the surface. Whether some deleterious matter from the common sewers of the city poisoned the water, or whether a contagious disease was propagated from one to the other, could not be ascertained. Thus a small quantity, comparatively, of poison, may be so generally diffused, as to exert a deleterous influence on aquatic life, has been conclusively proved, in the case of the sinking of a small cargo of lime, which caused the death of an incredible number of fishes. The epidemics occasionally prevail in the ocean, appears to be admitted, proving exceedingly destructive to particular species.

When the new volcano of Graham's Island appeared between the island of Pantellaria, and Sciacca, on the south-west part of Sicily, distant about thirty miles from either place, an island, the have the heated water and sulphurous vapour made among the fishes, was indeed extraordinary. Millions of them were seen, for miles around, floating on the tops of the restless waves, either dead, or in the last agonies of death.

By what authority Dr. Mitchell gave his own name to the striped bass, "*Perca Mitchilli*," we cannot divine; he might with equal propriety have tacked his name to the white shark, or the bones of the mastodon, and the last would have savoured less of vanity, than the affixing his cognomen to a common table fish, known from time immemorial, all over Europe. The remarks are not made in a spirit of envy, nor with a disposition to be disrespectful towards the memory of an eminently distinguished American naturalist.

"If," says Governor Clinton, "the whole world contains one thousand species of fish, as is said, it is not unreasonable to suppose the United States and their dependencies contain between three and four hundred." We fully assent to the opinion of the probable number of species, but, so far from consenting to the supposition that four hundred of them live upon the Atlantic coast of the United States and the inland waters, we confess our belief is that the number will fall far short. Nature has been bountiful beyond the deserts of the country, in natural productions, but we are too apt, in the love of home, to over-estimate its comforts—not that we would be understood, as it regards their value to ourselves, but as they would be estimated by the stranger.

Our coal mines are no better than those of England, our metals are neither more abundant nor purer; the birds in America are not more musical than on other continents, nor are the fishes more various, or of a superior quality; all our writers on natural history have fallen into an error, we apprehend, in multiplying species unwarrantably,—which will not only subject us to ridicule, but also retard the advancement of true scientific knowledge, by requiring the industry of future writers, to correct old and deep-rooted errors.

Extract from the Memoirs of Vidocq, the celebrated French policeman, published by Carey & Hart.

"In cell No. 3, I was only separated from Deschamps by a burglar named Louis Mulot, son of that Cornu who so long affrighted the people of Normandy, where his crimes are still unforgotten. Disguised as a horse dealer, he frequented the fairs, watched the merchants, who had large sums about them, and, taking the cross roads, laid in wait for and assassinated them. Merged, for the third time, in a young and pretty woman of Bernai, he had at first carefully concealed from her his infernal trade; but he was not slow in discovering that she was entirely worthy of him, and thenceforth she accompanied him in all his expeditions. Frequenting all the fairs as a peripatetic mercer, she easily introduced herself to the rich graziers of the valley of Auge, and more than one met his death at the appointed spot of gallant rendezvous.—Often suspected, they brought forward *alibis*, always successful, and to which they were indebted to the fleetness of the excellent horses with which they were always provided.

In 1791, the Cornu family consisted of the father, mother, and three sons, two daughters, and their lovers, all of whom had been habituated to crime from their earliest childhood, either in keeping watch or setting fire to barns, &c. The youngest, Florentine, having at first testified some repugnance, they had cured her delicacy by compelling her to carry in her apron for two leagues, the head of a farmer of the environs of Argentan!

At a later period, entirely devoid of any tender scruples, she had, as her lover, the assassin Capelle, executed in 1802. When the family formed itself into a band of Chauffeurs to infest the country (Caen and Falaise) it was she who put to torture the wretched farmers by putting a lighted candle under the armpits, or placing blazing tinder on their toes.*

Hotly pursued by the Police of Caen, and particularly by that of Rouen, who had apprehended two of the juniors of the family at Broonne, Cornu, resolved, on retaining for some time to the vicinity of Paris, trusting thus to elude inquiry. Installed with his family in a lone house, on the road to Sevres, he did not fear to take his walks in the Chuupu Elysees, where he met nearly all the robbers of his acquaintance. "Well, father Cornu," said they to him one day, "what are you about now?" "Oh, always administering the last consolation, (assassination) my sons; the last consolation." "That is droll, father Cornu, but discovery may ensue." "Oh, no fear, where no witnesses. If I had done for all the corn threshers (farmers) whom I have only singed, I should have nothing to think about now."

In one of his excursions, Cornu met an old comrade, who proposed to him to break into a villa, situated in the wood of Ville d'Avray. The robbery was consented and the booty shared, but Cornu found that he had been duped. On reaching the middle of the wood, he let fall his snuff box while offering it to his companion, who stooped to pick it up, and at that very instant Cornu blew out his brains with a pistol shot, plundered him, and regained his own house, where he told the tale to his family with bursts of laughter.

Apprehended near Vernon, at the moment when he was breaking into a farm, Cornu was conducted to Rouen, tried before the Criminal Court, and sentenced to death. Soon after that, his wife, who was still at liberty, came every day to bring him food and console him. "Listen," said she to him one morning, when he appeared more dejected than usual, "listen, Joseph; they say that death affrights you—don't play the noodle, at all events, when they lead you to the scaffold. The lads of the game will laugh at you."

"Yes," said Cornu; "all that is very fine, if one's scrag was not in danger; but with Jack Ketch on one side, and the black sheep (clergyman) on the other, and the traps (gendarmes) behind, it is not quite so pleasant to be turned into food for flies."

"Joseph, Joseph, do not talk in this way—I am only a women, you know; but I could go through it as if it were a wedding, and particularly with you, old lad! Yes, I tell you again, by the word of Marguerite, I would willingly accompany you."

"Are you in earnest?" asked Cornu, "Yes, quite in earnest," sighed Marguerite. "But what are you getting up for?" What are you going to do?"

"Nothing," replied Cornu; and then going to a turnkey who was in the passage, "Rock," said he to him, "send for the jailor, I want to see the public accuser."

"What!" said his wife, the public accuser! Are you going to split (confess)? Ah, Joseph, consider what a reputation you will leave for our children"

Cornu was silent until the magistrate arrived, and then denounced his wife, and this unhappy woman, sentenced to death by his confession, was executed at the same time with him. Mulot, who told me all this, never repeated the narrative without laughing till he cried. However, he thought the guillotine no subject for joking—and for a long time avoided all crimes that could send him to rejoin his father, mother, one of his brothers, and his sister Florentine, all executed at Rouen. When he spoke of them, and the end they had made, he frequently said, "This is the fruits of playing with fire—they shall never catch me at such work,"—and in fact his tricks were not so redoubtable; he confined himself to a species of robbery in which he excelled. His eldest sister, whom he had brought to Paris, aided him in all his enterprises. Dressed as a washerwoman, with a pannier at her back, and a basket on her arm, she went to all the houses where there was no porter, and knocking at the doors, if she learnt that the occupants were from home, she returned and told Mulot. There he, disguised as a locksmith, went, and with his bunch of picklocks in his hand, opened with the greatest easy, the most complicated locks. Frequently, that suspicion might not be aroused, in case any one should pass, his sister, with her apron and a modest cap on, and with the disturbed appearance of a nurse who had lost her key, aided his operations. Mulot, as we may see, did not like bloodshed, but yet was one day surprised in the very act, and soon after condemned to imprisonment.

*Whence the name of Chauffeur, or burners.

THE HEAD STONE.

BY PROFESSOR WILSON.

The coffin was let down to the bottom of the grave, the planks were removed from the beaded-up brink, the first rattling clods had struck upon the black shove ling was over and the long broad, skilfully cut pieces of turf were aptly joined together, and trimly laid by the beating spade, so that the newest mound in the church yard was scarcely distinguishable from those that were grown over by the undisturbed grass of many years. The funeral sprinkling was soon over, and the party, with one consenting motion, having uncovered the heads in decent reverence of the place and occasion, were beginning to separate, and about to leave the church yard. Here some acquaintances, from distant parts of the parish, who had not had an opportunity of addressing each other in the house that had belonged to the deceased, not in the course of the few hundred yards that the little procession had to move over from his bed to his grave, were shaking hands quietly but cheerfully and inquiring after the welfare of each other's families. There, a shall knot of neighbours were gossiping, without exaggeration, of the respectable character which the deceased had born, and mentioned to one another little incidents of his life, some of them so remote as to be known only to the gray headed persons of the groupe. While a few yards farther removed from the spot, were standing together in earnest conversation, on matters altogether unconnected with the funeral, such as the state of the markets, the promise of the season, or change of tenants; but still with a sobriety of manner and voice, that was insensibly produced by the influence of the simple ceremony now closed, by the open grave beneath, and yet in the shadow of the spire and gray walls of the house of God.

Two men yet stood together at the head of the grave with countenances of sincere but unimpassioned grief. They were brothers, the only sons of him who had been buried. And there was something in their situation that naturally kept the eyes of many directed upon them for a long time, more intently than it would have been the case, had there been nothing more observable about them than the common symptoms of a common sorrow. But these two brothers, where were no w standing at the head of their father's grave, had for many years been constantly separated from each other, and the only words that had passed between them, during all that time, had been uttered within a few days past, during the necessary preparations for the old man's funeral.

No deep and deadly quarrel was between these brothers, and yet neither could distinctly tell the cause of this unnatural estrangement. Perhaps dim jealousies of their father's favour, selfish thoughts that will sometimes force themselves into poor men's hearts, respecting temporal expectations—unaccommodating manners on both sides—hasting words that had been little weighed when uttered, but which had festered in remembrance—imagined opposition of interests, that, duly considered, would have been found one and the same thing, and many other causes, slight when single, but strong when rising up together in one mass—had, gradually but fatally, infected their hearts, till at last they who in youth had been seldom separate, and truly attached, now met at market, and, miserable to say, at church, with dark and averted faces, like different clansmen during a feud.

Surely it anything could have softened their hearts towards each other, it must have been to stand silently side by side, while the earth, stones, and clods, were falling down upon their father's coffin. And doubtless their hearts were so softened. But pride, though it can not prevent the holy affections of nature from being felt, may prevent them from being shown; and these two brothers stood here together, determined not to let each other know the mutual tenderness that, in spite of them, was gushing up in their hearts, and teaching them the unconfessed folly and wickedness of their causeless quarrel.

A head-stone had been prepared, and a person came forward to plant it. The elder brother directed him to place it—a plain stone, with a sand glass, skull, and cross bones, chiselled not rudely, and a few words inscribed. The younger brother regarded the operation with a troubled eye, and said, loudly enough to be heard by several of the bystanders, "William this was not kind in you—you should have told me of this. I loved my father as well as you could love him. You were the elder, and it may be, the favorite son; but I had a right in nature to have joined you in ordering this head stone, had I not?"

During these words, the stone was sinking into the earth, and many persons who were on their way from the grave, returned. For a while the elder brother said nothing, for he had a consciousness in his heart that he ought to have consulted his father's son in designing the last becoming mark of affection and respect to his memory; so the stone was planted in silence, and now stood erect, decently and simply among the other unostentatious memorials of the humble dead.

The inscription merely gave the name and age of the deceased, and told that the stone had been erected "by his affectionate sons." The sight of these words seemed to soften the displeasure of the angry man, and he said, some bit more mildly, "Yes, we were his affectionate sons, and since my name is on the stone, I am satisfied, brother. We have not drawn together kindly of late years, and perhaps never may; but I acknowledge and respect your worth; and here, before our own friends, and before the friends of our father, with my foot above his head, I express my willingness to be on better and other terms with you, and if we cannot command love in our hearts, let us at least, brother, bar out all unkindness."

The minister, who had attended the funeral, and had something intrusted to him to say publicly before he left the church yard, now came forward and asked the elder brother, why he spoke not regarding the matter. He saw that there was something of a cold and sullen pride rising up in his heart, for not easily may man hope to dislodge from the chamber of his heart even the vilest guest, if once cherished there. With a solemn and almost severe air, he looked upon the relenting man, and then, changing his countenance into serenity, said gently,

Behold how good a thing it is
And how becoming well,
Together such as brethren are
In unity to dwell.

The time, the place, and this beautiful expression of a natural sentiment, quite overcame a heart, in which many kind, if not warm, affections dwelt, and the man thus appealed to bowed down his head and wept. "Give me your hand, brother," and it was given, while a murmur of satisfaction arose from all present, and all hearts felt kindlier and more humanely towards each other.

As the brothers stood fervently, but composedly grasping each other's hands, in the little hollow that lay between them, the grave of their mother, long since dead, and of their father, whose shroud was hardly not yet still from the fall of dust, the minister stood beside them with a pleasant countenance, and said, "I must fulfil the promise I made to your father on his death bed. I must read to you a few words which his hand wrote, at an hour when his tongue denied to offer. I must not say that you did your duty to your old father, for did he not often beseech you, apart from one another, to be reconciled, for your own sakes as Christians, for his sake, and for the sake of the mother who bare you and Stephen, who died that you might be born? When the relay struck him for the last time, you were both absent, nor was it your fault that you were not beside the old man when he died. As long as sense continued with him here, did he think of you two, and of your two absent sons.—Tears were in his eyes, I saw them there, and on his cheek too when no breath came from his lips. But of this no more. He died with this paper in his hand; and he made me know that I was to read it to you over his grave. I now obey him.

"My sons, if you will let my bones lie quiet in the grave, near the dust of your mother, depart not from my burial till in the name of God and Christ, you promise to love one another as you used to do. Dear boys, receive my blessing."

Some turned their heads away to hide the tears that needed not to be hidden,—and when the brothers had released each other from a long and sobbing embrace, many went up to them, and in a single word or two expressed their joy at this perfect reconcilement. The brothers themselves walked away from the church-yard, arm in arm with the minister to the Manse. On the following Sabbath, they were seen sitting with their families in the same pew, and it was observed, that they read together off the same Bible when the minister gave out the text, and that they sang together, taking hold of the same psalm book. The same psalm was sung, (given out at their own request,) of which one verse had been repeated at their father's grave; a larger sum than usual was on that Sabbath found in the plate for the poor, for Love and Charity are sisters. And ever after, both during the pause and the trouble's of this life, the hearts of the brothers were as one, and in nothing were they divided.

THE RAINBOW.

BY FELICIA HEMANS.

"I do set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be a token of a covenant between me and the earth."—Gen. ix. 13.

Bow falls the mild reviving shower,
From summer's changeful skies;
And rain drops bend each trembling flower,
They tinge with richer dyes.

Soon shall their genial influence call
A thousand buds to day,
Which, wanting but that balmy fall,
In hidden beauty lay.

E'en now full many a blossom's bell
With fragrance fills the shade;
And verdure clothes each grassy dell,
In brighter tints arrayed.

But mark, that arch of varied hue
From heaven to earth is bowed!
Haste! ere it vanish, haste to view
The rainbow in the cloud.

How bright its glory! there behold
The emerald's verdant rays!
The topaz blends its hue of gold
With the deep ruby's blaze.

Yet not alone to charm thy sight
Was given the vision fair;
Gaze on that arch of colored light,
And read God's mercy there.

It tells us that the mighty deep,
Erst by the Eternal chain'd,
No more o'er earth's domain shall sweep,
Awful and unrestrain'd.

It tells that seasons, heat and cold,
Fix'd by his sovereign will,
Shall, in their course, hold man behold
Seed-time and harvest still.

That still the flower shall deck the field,
When vernal zephyrs blow;
That still the vine its fruit shall yield,
When autumn sunbeams glow.

Then, child of that fair earth, which yet
Smiles with each charm endow'd,
Bless thou his name, whose mercy set
The rainbow in the cloud.

Beckford's Italy.

Upon a former occasion we directed the attention of our readers to the highly attractive and deeply interesting character of this deservedly popular work. We are induced to offer them the following extract, which will be found to arrest the attention and awaken the most lively interest in the mind of the most insensible and superficial reader.

The incident, and the circumstances connected with it, are of the most thrilling character, and are delineated in that graphic and impressive language, which indicates the scholar and man of feeling.

We shall offer no apology for the length of the extract; it will amply reward the time engaged in its perusal.

"But as it is not the lot of human animals to be contented, instead of reposing in the vale, I scaled the rocks, and was three parts dissolved in attaining its summit. The sun darted upon my head, I wished to avoid its immediate influence; no tree was near; the pleasant valley lay below at a considerable depth, and it was a long way to descend to it. Looking round and round, I espied something like a hut, under a crag on the edge of a dark fissure. Might I avail myself of its coverts? My conductor answered in the affirmative, and added that it was inhabited by a good old woman, who never refused a cup of milk, or slice of bread, to refresh a weary traveller.

Thirst and fatigue urged me speedily down an intervening slope of stunted myrtle. Though oppressed with heat, I could not help deviating a few steps from the direct path to notice the unusual number of wild roses growing on every quarter. Above the hut, their appearance was truly admirable, bursting near with sharp-spired dwarf aloes, such as Lucifer himself might be supposed to have sown. Indeed I knew not whether I was not approaching some gate that leads to his abode, as I drew near a gulf (the fissures lately mentioned) and heard the deep-toned murmurs of the giants which were imprisoned below. The savage, my guide, shuddered as he passed by to apprise the old woman of my coming. I felt strangely, and stared around me, and but half liked my situation.

In the midst of my doubts, forth tottered the old woman. "You are welcome," said she, in a feeble voice, but a better dialect than I had heard in the neighbourhood. Her look was more humane, and she seemed of a superior race to the inhabitants of the surrounding valleys. My savage treated her with peculiar deference.—She had just given him some bread, with which he retired to a respectable distance bowing to the earth. I caught the mode, and was very obsequious, thinking myself on the point of experiencing a witch's influence, and gaining perhaps, some insight into the volume of futurity. She smiled at my agitation and kept beckoning me into the cottage.

"Now," thought I to myself, "I am upon the verge of an adventure." I saw nothing, however, but clay walls, a straw bed, some glazed earthen bowls, and a wooden crucifix. My shoes were loaded with sand; this my hostess perceived, and immediately kindling a fire in an inner part of the hovel, brought out some warm water to refresh my feet, and set some milk and chestnuts before me. This patriarchal attention was by no means indifferent after my tiresome ramble. I sat down opposite to the door which fronted the unfathomable gulf; beyond appeared the sea, of a deep cerulean, foaming with waves. The sky also was darkening apace with storms. Sadness came over me like a cloud, and I looked up to the old woman for consolation.

"And you too are sorrowful, young stranger," said she, "that come from the gay world! how must I feel, who pass year after year in these lonely mountains?" I answered, that the weather affected me, and my spirits were exhausted by the walk.

All the while I spoke she looked at me with such a melancholy earnestness that I asked the cause, and began again to imagine myself in some fatal habitation,

Where more is meant than meets the ear.

"Your features," said she, "are wonderfully like those of an unfortunate young person, who, in this retirement . . . . ." The tears began to fall as she pronounced these words; my curiosity was fired. "Tell me," continued I, "what you mean! who was this youth for whom you are so interested? and why did he seclude himself in this wild region? Your kindness to him might no doubt have alleviated, in some measure, the horrors of the place; but may God defend me from passing the night near such a gulf! I would not trust myself in a despairing moment."

"It is," said she, "a place of horrors. I tremble to relate what has happened on this very spot; but your manner interests me, and though I am little given to narrations, for once I will unlock my lips concerning the secrets of yonder fatal chasm.

"I was born in a distant part of Italy, and have known better days. In my youth fortune smiled upon my family, but in a few years they withered away; no matter by what accident. I am not going to talk much of myself. Have patience a few moments! A series of unfortunate events reduced me to indigence, and drove me to this desert, where, from rearing goats and making their milk into cheese, by a different method than is common in the Neapolitan state, I have, for about thirty years, prolonged a sorrowful existence. My silent grief and constant retirement had made me appear to some a saint, and to others a sorceress. The slight knowledge I have of plants has been exaggerated, and some years back, the hours I gave up to prayer, and the recollection of former friends, lost to me for ever! were cruelly intruded upon by the idle and the ignorant. But soon I sank into obscurity: my little recipes were disregarded, and you are the first stranger who, for these twelve months past, has visited my abode. Ah, would to God its solitude had ever remained inviolate!

"It is now three and twenty years," and she looked upon some characters cut on the planks of the cottage, "since I was sitting by moonlight, under that cliff you view to the right, my eyes fixed on the ocean, my mind lost in the memory of my misfortunes, when I heard a step, and starting up, a figure stood before me. It was a young man, in a rich habit, with streaming hair, and looks that bespoke the utmost terror. I knew not what to think of this sudden apparition. 'Mother,' said he with faltering accents, 'let me rest under your roof; and deliver me not up to those who thirst after my blood. Take this gold; take all, all!'

"Surprise held me speechless; the purse fell to the ground; the youth stared wildly on every side: I heard many voices beyond the rocks; the wind bore them distinctly, but presently they died away. I took courage, and assured the youth my cot should shelter him. 'Oh! thank you, thank you!' answered he, and pressed my hand. He shared my scanty provision.

"Overcome with toil (for I had worked hard in the day) sleep closed my eyes for a short interval. When I awoke the moon was set, but I heard my unhappy guest sobbing in darkness. I disturbed him not. Morning dawned, and he was fallen into a slumber. The tears bubbled out of his closed eyelids, and coursed one another down his wan cheeks. I had been too wretched myself not to respect the sorrows of another; neglecting, therefore, my accustomed occupations, I drove away the flies that buzzed around his temples. His breast heaved high with sighs, and he cried loudly in his sleep for mercy.

"The beams of the sun dispelling his dream, he started up like one that had heard the voice of an avenging angel, and hid his face with his hands. I poured some milk down his parched throat. 'Oh, mother!' he exclaimed, 'I am a wretch unworthy of compassion; the cause of innumerable sufferings; a murderer! a parricide!' My blood curdled in my veins; a stripling utter such dreadful words, and behold such agonising sighs swell in so young a bosom; for I marked the sting of conscience urging him to disclose what I am going to relate.

"It seems he was of high extraction, nursed in the pomps and luxuries of Naples, the pride and darling of his parents, adorned with a thousand lively talents, which the keenest sensibility conspired to improve. Unable to fix any bounds to whatever became the object of his desires, he passed his first years in roving from one extravagance to another, but as yet there was no crime in his caprices.

"At length it pleased heaven to visit his family, and make their idol the slave of an unbridled passion. He had a friend, who from his birth had been devoted to his interest, and placed all his confidence in him. This friend, loved to distraction a young creature, the most graceful of her sex, (as I can witness,) and she returned his affection. In the exultation of his heart he showed her to the wretch whose tale I am about to tell. He sickened at her sight. She too caught fire at his glances. They languished—they consumed away—they conversed, and his persuasive language finished what his guilty glances had begun.

"Their flame was soon discovered, for he disdained to conceal a thought, however dishonorable. The parents warned the youth in the sternest manner; but advice and prudent counsels were to him as loathsome, that unable to contain his rage, and infatuated with love, he menaced his life of his friend as the obstacle of his enjoyment. Coolness and moderation were opposed to violence and frenzy, and he found himself treated with a contemptuous gentleness. Stricken to the heart, he wandered about for some time like one entranced. Meanwhile the nuptials were preparing, and the lovely girl he had perverted found ways to let him know she was about to be torn from his embraces.

"He raved like a demoniac, and rousing his dire spirit, applied to a malignant wretch who sold the most inveterate poison. These he infused into a pure cup of iced water and presented to his friend, and to his own too fond confiding father, who soon after they had drunk the fatal potion began evidently to pine away. He marked the progress of their dissolution with a horrid firmness, he let the moment pass beyond which all antidotes were vain. His friend expired; and the young criminal, though he beheld his parents death bed hang on his parent's forehead, yet stretched not forth his hand to save. In a short space the miserable father breathed his last, whilst his son was sitting aloof in the same chamber.

"The sight overcame him. He felt, for the first time, the pangs of remorse, and agitations passed not unnoticed. He was watched. Suspicions beginning to unfold, he took alarm, and one evening escaped; but not without previously informing the partner of his crime which he was unassisted to flee. Several pursued; but the inscrutable will of Providence blinded their search, and I was doomed to behold the effects of celestial vengeance.

"Such are the chief circumstances of the tale I gathered from the youth. I swooned whilst he related it, and could take no sustenance. One whole day afterwards did I pray the Lord, that I might die rather than be near an incarnate demon. With what indignation did I now survey that slender form and those flowing tresses, which had interested me before so much in his behalf!

"No sooner did he perceive the change in my countenance, than sullenly retiring to yonder rock he sat careless of the sun and scorching winds; for it was now the summer solstice. He was equally heedless of the unwholesome dews. When midnight came my horrors augmented, and I meditated several times to abandon my hovel and fly to the next village; but a power more than human chained me to the spot and fortified my mind.

"I slept, and it was late next morning when some one called at the wicket of the little fold, where my goats are penned. I arose, and saw a peasant of my acquaintance leading a female strangely muffled up, and casting her eyes on the ground. My heart misgave me. I thought this was the very maid who had been the cause of such atrocious wickedness. Nor were my conjectures ill founded. Regardless of the clown who stood by in stupid astonishment, she fell to the earth and bathed my hand with tears. Her trembling lips with difficulty enquired after the youth; and, as she spoke, a glow of conscious guilt lighted up her pale countenance.

"The full recollection of her lover's crimes shot through my memory. I was incensed, and would have spurned her away; but, she clung to my garments and seemed to implore my pity with a look so full of misery, that, relenting, I led her in silence to the extremity of the cliff where the youth was seated, his feet dangling above the sea. His eye was rolling wildly around, but it soon fixed upon the object for whose sake he had doomed himself to perdition.

"Far be it from me to describe their ecstacies, or the eagerness with which they sought each other's embraces. I indignantly turned my head away; and, driving my goats to a recess amongst the rocks, sat revolving in my mind these strange events. I neglected procuring any provision for my unwelcome guests, and about midnight returned homewards by the light of the moon which shone serenely in the heavens. Almost the first object her beams discovered was the guilty maid sustaining the head of her lover, wheeled fainted through weakness and want of nourishment. I fetched some dry bread and dipping it in milk laid it before them. Having performed this duty I set upon the door of my hut, and retiring to a neighbouring cavity, there stretched myself on a heap of leaves and offered my prayers to heaven.

"A thousand fears, till this moment unknown, thronged into my fancy. The shadow of leaves that chequered the entrance to the grot, seemed to assume in my distempered imagination the form of ugly reptiles, and I repeatedly shook my garments. The flow of the distinct surges was deepened by my apprehensions into distant groans in a word, I could not rest, but issuing from the cavern as hastily as my trembling knees would allow, paced along the edge of the precipice. An unaccountable impulse would have hurried

Baltimore Morning Post.

Saturday, November 15.

LARGE CROP, TEXAS.—Despatched from Lynch Creek, for the week ending the 6th inst.

40 bales, carrying	3,998 lbs.
364 do. per last report	37,763
Total	101,761

CHOLERA IN BALTIMORE.

We regret to state that the cholera prevails in Baltimore to a considerable extent. There were 29 deaths by the Board last week, mostly in the neighborhood of Lakeman's Wells. It is said that since Sunday, the malady has assumed a milder and more manageable form.

DREADFUL ACCIDENT.

An unfortunate accident occurred in Baltimore, on Wednesday, during the trial of a locomotive engine, built for the use of the Ohio Railroad Company. The engine was underground the Baltimore, under the charge of the builder or his agent, for the purpose of testing its power before being delivered to the Company. It was attached to and in the act of drawing a train of hackney cars, when the boiler exploded and killed the Engineer, Mr. —— Neff, instantly. The attendant firemen was injured, but not to a mortal. No other damage was sustained.

From the New York Observer.

AWARD OF PREMIUM.

The committee, to whom it was referred to award the premium of $70, for the best essay on Slander, report, that they have received and read ten manuscripts, and unanimously award the premium to the manuscript entitled "The Mischiefs of Slander," by the Rev. Joseph H. Jones, of New Brunswick, N. J., and that the same has been adopted by the American Tract Society, and will soon be published.

Signed—Samuel L. Adams, George W. Bethune, Henry White and Wm. A. Hallock, Committee.

November 4, 1834.

FARMING IN PENNSYLVANIA.

Notwithstanding all that has been said in relation to the advantages of taking up land in the western states, we believe it is entirely possible for an industrious hand to secure a competence, in the course of a few years, in Pennsylvania. We are confirmed in this opinion, by a statement in a late number of the Bangor Inquirer, the editor of which is another the assumed year culture, made from actual observation:

James Oakley rented and cropped twenty-three acres of new land as follows:

The land was rather light timbered, so that the cost of chopping 10 acres at $4 per acre, was 40

Do. of 3 do. at $6 do.	18,00
Cost of clearing 21 Do. at $4 Do.	84,00
Do. 7 do. at $5 do.	10,00
Total of chopping and clearing.	$152,00
Sowed 100 bushels of Wheat on 12 acres	
Cost of seed	$13,13
5 Do. of Rye on 6 acres—seed	2,50
2 do. of Oats on 1 do. "	65
Harrowing Wheat 12 "	10,00
Do. Rye, 6 "	6,00
Do. Oats, 1 "	1,00
Planted 4 acres of Corn—planting and seed,	2,00
Hoeing Do.	1,50
Cost of seed, Harrowing, &c.	$44,76
Cost of cutting Wheat and Rye—12 days work,	$42,00
Hoeing Do.	10,00
Harvesting Oats,	4,00
Do. Corn,	4,50
Cost of Harvesting the crops	$61,50
Threshing 330 bushels of Wheat,	$30,00
" 150 Do. Rye,	9,37
" 20 Do. Oats,	75
" 80 Do. Corn,	1,50
Cost of Threshing, &c.	$41,62
Cost of chopping and clearing,	$152,00
Cost of Seed, Harvesting &c.	44,76
Cost of Harvesting Crop,	61,50
Cost of Threshing Do.	41,62
Whole cost,	$339,88
For the labor and expense he has 330 bushels of Wheat, at $1 per bush	330,00
150 " of Rye, " 62½ cents,	93,75
20 " of Oats, " 25 "	5,00
80 " of Corn, " 50 "	40,00
Sold hay,	15,00
Sold fodder,	5
	$483,75

Leaving the surplus, at 4 to defray calculation, $143, 37, which would pay for the land, at $3 per acre, and leave near a hundred dollars profit. So much for the profits of farming in the Beech Woods.

THE INDIAN TRIBES.

The territory allotted to the several Indian tribes now residing in Georgia, for their future residence, is a tract of country about 300 miles wide, west of the Arkansas Territory, and the State of Missouri. Its southern end is bound on Red River, which there divides the United States from Mexico, and the territory is to extend north as far as may be wanted; to the River Platte, as at present contemplated, or still far. Thus, should it be necessary, it will extend north of it, extending beyond Missouri, may meet the Missouri, as a crooks westwardly, in latitude 45. If the contemplated Western Tract body should stop at the River Platte, it will be about as large as Georgia as within her bar to reached the Mississippi. Should it extend up to the 49° of latitude, it will be about 700 miles long, north and south, by 300 wide.

There are all the tribes now located in the Eastern territory, and the number of acres assigned to each.

Possessed by the indigenous Indians, viz:

Names of the tribes.	Quantity for each.	Tot'l Am't.
1. Choctaws,	15,000,000	
2. Creeks & Seminoles,	13,000,000	
3. Cherokees,	13,000,000	
4. Shawnees from Sandusky,	100,000	
5. Shawnees & Shawnees,	100,000	
6. Quapaws,	80,000	
7. Osages,	30,000	
8. Kaskaskias & Peorias,	80,000	
9. Weas & Piankashaws,	100,000	
10. Sauks,	1,000,000	
11. Delawares,	3,000,000	
12. Kickapoos,	300,000	
		46,302,000
Acres,		61,000,000

The tribes East of the Mississippi, who have agreed to emigrate, and the number of persons of each tribe, are as follows:

Names of tribes.	Numbers.
1. Seminoles,	5,000
2. Creeks,	21,564
3. Cherokees,	9,000
4. Chippewas, Ottawas, & Pottawatomies,	7,000
5. Choctaws,	5,000
6. Ottawa of Ohio,	230
7. Appalachicolas,	300
8. Potto Ottamies of Indiana & the Wabash,	3,000

The tribes east of the Mississippi, who have not yet agreed to emigrate, are stated to be as follows:

Names of tribes.	Numbers.
1 In the State of New York, viz:	
Senecas,	2,242
Cayugas,	128
Onondagas,	490
Delawares,	73
Oneidas,	1,153
Tuscaroras,	270
St. Regis,	708
Connewagas,	54
	4,178
2 At Green Bay, viz:	
Oneidas,	800
Stockbridge,	320
Brothers,	5
	725
3 Wyandots in Ohio,	575
4 Miamis,	1,000
5 Menomonees,	3,170
6 Chippewas & Ottawas of Lake Michigan,	5,000
7 Chippewas,	6,000
8 Chippewas,	9,000
	26,646

There are 20 different tribes West of the Mississippi, with whom the United States have treaties, embracing an aggregate population of 56,910 souls.

There are also 40 other tribes west of the Mississippi, with whom the United States have no treaties. Their numbers amount to about 156,940.

A second of $300 is offered in the Mobile papers, by the President of the Pensacola Rail Road Company, for the apprehension of one Alexander B. McLeod, the late treasurer of the Company, who has absconded with the funds of the Company. The said McLeod, was formerly in the employment of Messrs. Bleecker & Austin, in New York, and is described as being about five feet nine inches in height, a little round-faced, and near eight-ed, has light hair, a fair complexion, is of pleasing address, and generally wears spectacles of a green color under a tolerable hat.

Mobile Mercury, Nov. 5.

Congress.—The annexed are the official returns of the elections for members of Congress recently held in this state. It will be seen that the Union ticket has succeeded by a large majority. Mr. Wayne, the highest on the Union ticket beats Mr. Gilmer, the highest on the States Rights ticket, 4,312 votes. The same party have elected a majority in the State Legislature.

Union.		State Rights.	
J. M. Wayne,	32,012	G. R. Gilmer,	28,499
Wm. Schley,	31,976	R. H. Wilde,	28,395
G. W. Towns,	30,604	T. F. Foster,	28,240
John Collier,	30,587	R. L. Gamble,	27,926
C. E. Haynes,	31,651	A. H. Chappell,	27,722
G. W. Owens,	31,507	M. B. Lamar,	27,394
Benton Gresham,	32,555	R. A. Bull,	27,079
J. G. Terrell,	31,346	W. C. Dunlap,	27,758
J. W. Sanford,	31,435	D. Newnan,	27,841

South Carolina.—At the recent elections in this State, the following gentlemen were elected to represent that state in the next Congress.

State Rights.	Union.
Warren R. Davis,	Hon. James Rogers,*
F. W. Pickens,*	Col. R. R. Manning
Col. Jas. H. Hammond,*	
Wm. J. Gray sen,	
Henry L. Pinckney,	
Gen. Robt. B. Campbell,	
Gen. John K. Griffin.	

*New members.

In the Legislature, parties will stand as follows. In the Senate 34 Nullifiers, 10 Union men. In the House of Representatives 93 Nullifiers, 31 Union men.

MASSACHUSETTS.

The returns from this state, are altogether favorable to the Whig party. In the city of Boston the vote stands as follows:—Davis, (Whig) 3565; Morton, (Jackson) 3065; Bailey, (Antimason) 420; Allen, (Working man) 512.

From all the information we can gather, we deem it safe to infer the choice of the following gentlemen as members of Congress.—Abbott Lawrence, Stephen C. Phillips, Caleb Cushing, Levi Lincoln, George N. Briggs, William B. Calhoun, William Jackson, William Baylies, John Reed, John Quincy Adams.

All these gentlemen are Whigs. Showing a Whig gain of two members as compared with the results of the election in 1832, and of one member as compared with the actual delegation in the present Congress.

FRENCH CLAIMS.

The Commissioners under the treaty with France meet in Washington, pursuant to adjournment, on the 24th ult. The annexed notice of their proceedings, taken from the Globe, contains information of some interest to those concerned in claims under the treaty:

"We understand, that having disposed of all the memorials filed during the vacation, the Board called up the docket of cases for hearing, according to their previous orders, that they might proceed with the examination of them on their merits. But it was found that the claimants were not ready with their testimony, to try their cases, and at their special instance the Board agreed to postpone taking up the cases in the order in which they are set for hearing, according as the rules required, until the 17th inst. So much is now it is understood, that the cases will be positively taken up in regular order, and disposed of as justice only requires. In the meantime the Board are engaged in such cases as claimants have prepared for investigation. We would call the attention of the claimants, in the different parts of the country, to the importance of preparing their cases and the evidence to support them as soon as possible, for although the Board may be disposed to act with every indulgence to claimants, the period within which their input particular their labors, requires that the cases and testimony be laid before them at an early day, and especially since the recent arrival of the imperial documents of the Consulate of State and of France from Paris, leave the claimants no excuse for delays, and if their cases are jeopardized or may be lost by their negligence, they will have no one to blame but themselves."

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 5. (Extract of a letter to the editor.) * * * The publishers of the expurgated American edition of Mrs. Fanny Kemble Butler's to the analog work on Americanism and their manners, will not publish it in any good opinion and of it. The reading public will want for a reprint of the genuine London edition, with the "spaying effect of surface," and the bookseller will be a fortunate fellow who gets the first copy, and drives it first through the press. A curious accident, which I will relate to you when I return, has given me an opportunity to read some of the suppressed pages. I wish I could send you a copy, but as I cannot, let me relate one or two things. Mrs. Butler says that she dined at Mr H——'s, (probably Mr. Hone's) and, speaking of the entertainment, says: "How shall I describe the dinner? It was celebrated. Yes, that's the term;" and then proceeds to describe the unceremonious manners of the people, because Roger Sherman, Esq., sat at the table. She comes down that the New Yorkers frequent her father coldly, and that the pit did not rise (?) on her entrance, and that 'A. playing Hamlet, has pronounced of which character she prages in perfection well—before such an audience, was "casting pearls before swine!" In another place she says she "dines actors and editors," and in another—but that I must reserve for mail communications, by and bye.—When Fanny Kemble wrote the book she did not expect to become Mrs Butler, and Mr Butler will have cause to regret its publication, or I am mistaken.—*Boston Transcript.*

IMPORTANT DECISION

We learn that the suit instituted in Augusta county, Alabama, against the sureties of the sheriff of Mobile, for cotton seized upon her on March last, has just been decided in favor of the plaintiffs. The defendants proved the boat to be safe, new and well loaded, and that every care and diligence had been used, and offered to prove that the accident was beyond their control and was occasioned an unusable peril within the meaning of the exceptions embodied in the Bill of Lading. But the Court rejected all such testimony as less it went to show that the loss was occasioned by the "act of God or the King's enemies," and instructed the jury most positively, unless there was evidence to show the fire was the "act of God," they must find a verdict for the plaintiffs, which they accordingly did. The amount of the indemnity is about $ 8 between five and six thousand dollars.

BRAZOS CANAL.—We learn from the Argus that the work on the Beaver Division of the Pensacola from the mill is now almost completed, and several is now passing. Due to the beaver dam locks, and the communication and the river is complete. The work will be completed, as we understand, in two years. Mr. Lewis and a quite cool table to the Engineer Dr. Wright, who has had charge of the line. There are now four or five boats that run daily from the mouth of Brazos to New-castle and we learn they are all doing a fair business. They are connected with steamboat lines to Philadelphia, and there is daily expected on the transmission of freight and passengers. The produce and merchandise that has heretofore been wagoned to and from the Western Rivers, now find a cheaper and more expeditious means of transportation on the Beaver Canal and Ohio River.

Mathews, the Prophet, was taken into Court, at New York, on Friday, under an impression that his trial would commence. He was dressed in a large brown cloth cloak, lined with pink satin, on the collar of which were two elegant silver and gold chains beautifully embossed and ornamented; a green frock coat, lined with pink silk, having gold stars on the right side and silver stars on the left side of the breast, a yellow of brown vest, and dark brown pantaloons; he had a wooden coffin to his waist, and a crown of his head a crimson colored silk sash. The peculiarity of his dress, together with the long beards he has with which his face was adorned, rendered him quite a grotesque looking object.

Mr. Western, on the part of the prisoner, moved for a trial, he considered an immediate trial of material importance to his client, as the evidence in this case would exhonerate the matter of complaint against the prisoner in a more county—namely a charge of murder.

Mr. Hall followed on the same side.

The District Attorney objected to proceeding with the trial, on the ground that the indictment was defective. How to prove that the prisoner did not possess the Spirit of Jesus, he (the District Attorney) was at a loss to know—but the absurdity of the allegation would be apparent to any reflecting person.

The court, after due consideration, decided that the present indictment should be waived for the present, until the prisoner stand his trial under an indictment for murder, in Westchester county, to the authorities of which place he has been given up.

The Prophet's wife, in company with two other ladies was in Court, and he held a sympathetic conversation with them with apparent hilarity.

New Orleans, October 27.

Melancholy Accident.—On Friday evening, at 9 o'clock, the steamer Bienville, from Point Coupee, came in contact with the steamer Missouri, lying about 13 miles above this city, and sunk her, she sunk immediately head foremost. The Bienville immediately cast off her yawl, which picked up several persons from the water. The Bienville immediately turned round, and in that space of time there was only about 40 feet of her upper deck above water, she brought a rope aboard, which was made fast to a gun carriage, by which means the remaining persons on board were saved. It is supposed that there was about 100 passengers, only one cabin passenger was lost. Of the deck hands and passengers about TEN were lost, of which number there was 2 women and 3 children. The boat and cargo is a total loss.—*Bee.*

Lexington Ky. Oct. 31, 1834.

Extraordinary Freshet.—A gentleman in the neighborhood of this city, in riding across his farm a few day since, was suddenly surprised and alarmed to find his horse gradually sinking into the earth. He instantly leaped from the animal, and by so doing he saw his horse precipitately sunk. The horse continued to sink lower and lower into the earth, until he had descended one hundred and fifty feet. At this point, he became wedged between two masses of rock, and was crushed to death. The chasm or fissure, we are told, appears to have been formed, by the separation of the rock and earth, which are contiguous of nature. The width of the fissure at the surface, we have not learned, but it was covered with a thin soil, which commenced giving way to bear to the weight of the gentleman and his horse was added to it.—*Intelligencer.*

The N. H. Gazette publishes for the information of the people of New Hampshire, the astounding intelligence that gambling for years has prevaded in Concord in the month of June, to an alarming extent among the members of the Legislature to that State!

EPITOME OF THE TIMES.

FIRES IN THE STREETS.

The life of a valued fellow citizen, was put in jeopardy, on the evening of the 5th inst. by the pernicious practice of boys in building fires in the public streets. He was thrown from his gig 10 or 15 feet, and a splitted with his head on the pavement, and was picked up senseless. A severe gash in the head and other injuries, were the consequence.

On Monday afternoon the body of a colored man was found at low water in Race street dock, Delaware, which, it is probable, had been in the water 10 or 12 days. The person was 5 feet 4 inches high, about 45 years of age, and had on a black coat, black worsted vest, blue pantaloons, black stock and muslin shirt.

In Chester county the delegates elected under the new School law, have agreed, by a vote of 27 to 17, to make no appropriation for the support of common schools.

We understand that a bill for the opening of a connexion Rail Road from Philadelphia to New-York, by the route of Trenton and New Brunswick, has been reported in the Legislature of New Jersey, now sitting at Trenton.

The School Delegates of Susquehanna county, have unanimously adopted the school law.

Felix Murray, convicted of the murder of Sutcliffe, has been still further respited by the Governor of the Commonwealth, until the 12th of December next.

In South Carolina the strength of the opposing parties is as follows: Nullifiers 20,000 votes, Union Men 15,000.

Grace Church, in the borough of Honesdale, Pa. on the 31st ult. was consecrated to the service of God, by the Right Rev. H. U. Onderdonk, D. D. assistant Bishop of the Diocese, at the same time, the Rev. T. Weer, of that borough, was admitted to the holy order of Priest.

One of the villains who lately broke into, and robbed the residence of Mr. Matlack, was arrested on Monday, in the act of offering one of the stolen articles for sale.

Mr. Pitt, the agent of the Post Office Department, reports the conviction, at Baltimore, on the 8th inst. of Joseph Richmond, charged with robbing the mail at Middletown, Maryland. Richmond was sentenced to six years' imprisonment in the Penitentiary of Maryland.

The recently elected state legislature will assemble at Harrisburg on the second of December next.

The legislature of Rhode Island adjourned on Saturday after a week's session.

The last number of the Journal of the Franklin Institute contains a list of the Patents issued for inventions during the month of March, with accompanying remarks and explanations by the editor. They amount to ninety-three.

Cleaveland, Ohio, which but four years ago contained a thousand inhabitants, has increased so rapidly as at present to enumerate four thousand five hundred citizens and still continues to increase. Buildings, churches, &c. are also being erected. Vessels of 300 tons burthen can enter its harbor.

There are in the United States nearly seven hundred local Banks, besides the U. States Bank and its twenty-four branches. The capital stock of these Banks amount to upwards of *two hundred millions of dollars*, upon which they are authorized to issue *four hundred millions in paper.*

A Cotton factory upon a large scale, and with the best machinery and appliances, has been put into operation at Lynchburg, Virginia. The Lynchburg Virginian observes:—"We look upon this establishment as opening a new era to the success of Virginia."

The Portsmouth and Roanoke Rail Road is steadily advancing towards Weldon, on the Roanoke.—From Portsmouth to Suffolk, the road has been for some time past in operation; from Suffolk to Nottoway, 24 miles further, the rails are laid; and from the latter place to a point ten miles east of Weldon, the road is under contract.

The Wheeling Times states that most of the individuals against whom indictments, for frauds in the pension department, were found, at the late term of the district court of Western Virginia, have fled the country. It is said they have gone to Texas.

Francis Lewis is appointed Receiver of Public Moneys for the District of Lands subject to sale at Washington, in the State of Mississippi, vice Thomas Lewis, deceased.

A new paper under the title of the "Early Riser," has been attempted at Boston. It is Jackson in its politics.

The Berlin State Gazette gives an account of the splendid ceremony, which took place on the 11th of September at St. Petersburg, of inaugurating the monument of the late Emperor Alexander. One hundred and fifty-six thousand Russian troops were under arms, and the whole display, it is said, beggars description. The ceremonies connected with the occasion continued for three days.

The Hon. George Poindexter, arrived at New York from New Orleans, on Thursday week. His death has been announced by the discharge of 50 guns.

On the 20th ult. a boat was overset at Saybrook, Ct., and four persons drowned, named Edmund Cotton, of Chatham; Philip Grumly, James Grumly, and his brother, belonging to Saybrook Point. The boat capsized to right of the Grumly family, who had no means of rendering assistance. Mr. Cotton was the only child of Elijah Cotton, of Chatham, and was made of a sloop belonging to that place.

Mr. Tomlins, Secretary of State, has returned to Washington, not having visited his family in Georgia.

A trial to elect a member to Congress in the 4th district of Vermont, was made on the 11th instant.—The candidates are Heman Allen (Whig) and C. P. Van Ness, (Jackson).

The Legislature of Rhode Island have appointed the 27th inst. to be observed as a day of thanksgiving.

Mademoiselle Celeste, the celebrated French Dancer has arrived at New-York from Liverpool.

The number of newspapers now published in this country is 1265—of which 108 are published in Massachusetts 140 in Ohio, 220 in Pennsylvania, and 267 in the State of New York. In the Territory of Florida, 2 are published, 3 in Michigan 7, and in Alabama 2. In the year 1828, the number of newspapers published in this country was 851, in 1810 it was 359, and in 1775 only 37.

The Huntsville Record strongly urges the election of James Clarke, President of the Board of Street Commissioners, to succeed Gen. R. Smith, U. S. Senator.

The Jacksonians of New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania, are about to unite in a celebration of their late political victories, to be given at Trenton. The celebration from the city of New York, will consist of one hundred from each ward.

The popular novel called Miriam Coffin, by Mr. Jenks, of Nantucket, has been republished in London.

An attempt to ruin a man named Winslow, at Boston, by placing forged notes on his premises, proved unavailing. The trick was discovered and the grand jury refused to indict.

The mulatto slave James, has been condemned to death by a jury of citizens in the Parish court, in New Orleans, for striking a white man. He was pardoned under the gallows.

The cholera continued to prevail in Stockholm, and up to the 19th of October, the number of cases of cholera amounted to 6,184, and the deaths to 2,938. It had begun, however, to assume a milder form.

A most inhuman act of barbarity was committed at Alexandria, on Monday night week. Some person or persons entered an out house belonging to Mr. Thos. Dover, and with an instrument, probably a hatchet, cruelly cut and mangled a fine cow in such a manner as to cause her death. It is to be hoped that the perpetrator of so barbarous an act will not long be suffered to go unpunished.

Butter selling in Harrisburg at 25 cents per pound potatoes at 80 cents per bushel. These prices are computed of an exorbitant.

The literary institutions of Princeton, N. J. commenced their winter sessions last week. The increase of students is said to be unusually great, the number being not less than from one to two hundred.

According to the official returns of the election for Governor in Ohio, the vote for Lucas is 69,993.—Find. for 66,494—majority for Lucas 3,499.

James Thompson, Esq. of Venango county, is strongly urged as a candidate for the office of Speaker of the House of Representatives, by several newspapers in the interior.

Thursday last, the 6th inst., was set apart by the citizens of Savannah, as a day of Prayer and Thanksgiving to Almighty God, for the mercy exhibited towards the citizens of Savannah, during the past season.

On Saturday night last, the carpenter shop of Mr. Henry Cook, on Bottle Alley, between Howard and Eutaw streets, Baltimore, was consumed by fire.—The fire extended to the lumber yard of Messrs. J. & V. Donohoe, whose loss, as well as that of Mr. Cook, is considerable.

The Rev. Jacob Abbott, of Windham, N. H. was drowned on Sunday last, as he was crossing a pond to attend church. Three other gentlemen were in the pond with him when the boat upset, and one of them, a Mr. Dennison, was also drowned. The others escaped to the shore.

A destructive fire broke out on Monday morning, in the lar establishment belonging to Mr. Underwood, No. 67 Suffolk street New York. The building and its contents were totally destroyed before the engines could get to work. A frame building No. 65 was also consumed, and No. 63 was much burned down.—About 90 families were by this accident, deprived of a house, and lost the little property they possessed.—The loss is here estimated at $3,000 more than the insurance insured.

Miss Adelaide Kemble, a sister of Mrs. Fanny, will shortly make her debut in London.

The annual festival of Thanksgiving is to be held in Vermont on the 4th December next.

The Friend's meeting house in Richmond, Virginia, was destroyed by fire on Tuesday night last, which, broke out in the stable attached to the Union Hotel.

The Chinese Lady, with her four sisters in length to have exhibiting her pretty face in New York.

Miss Fanny Jackson, the celebrated tragic actress, and Miss Rosalie's rival, has arrived in this country, and will shortly appear in this city.

A woman at Ancaster, Upper Canada, was lately delivered of two female children at one birth, who were united like the Siamese Twins, but had only three legs and three arms. Dr. Ralph has promised to publish an account of this phenomenon.

Cholera in Baltimore.—During the month of October there were 1,19 arrivals, foreign and coastwise, and 110 departures.

The list of letters published by the New-York Post Master, is in two distinct parts, headed "Ladies' List," and the "Gentlemen's List," which is very uncommon to be concerned. This is certainly a supervised publication on the part of the Post Master, or penalty to the last part of caution, and we must put him down as a "bashful man."

The People's Line of Stages accomplished its first trip from Philadelphia to Pittsburg, in the short space of fifty-seven hours.

A gentleman of Darien, Geo. offers to furnish a person who will accomplish the feat of walking an hour on foot, proposed by Mr. J. C. Stevens, if he will consent that the trial be made over the Savannah race course.

The new penitentiary building near Trenton, N. J. is to contain 150 cells. The commissioners ask for an enlargement of the original design. It will be finished by next summer, and will cost 146,000 dollars.—The discipline will consist of solitary confinement with labor.

Delaware county has accepted the School bill, 13 to 9.

At the recent new organization of the Marine corps, some eight or ten Lieutenants were to be appointed, and it is said that there were four hundred applicants. This is certainly no very favourite, or, as we should think, desirable service, and if there were forty individuals standing ready for every place, some little judgment can be made of the nature and extent of American office seeking.

A letter to the editor of the Petersburg (Va.) Constitution, dated in Hickaford, relates the attempted murder of a young man named Bynum, while passing through the woods on horseback, a gun being discharged at him by a concealed individual. His escape was almost miraculous the shot passing through his coat and showering around. His horse taking fright, fled with him, and he so escaped.

H. Bulwer, in his France," says, in the history of that country, we have had civil war 30 years—religious war 40 years—on the French territory 76 years—off the French territory 175 years—during which time were one hundred and eighty-four great battles.

Bank of Delaware County.—We are authorised to state that the notes of the Bank will be taken as usual at the Bank of Pennsylvania.

Important to readers and publishers of newspapers.—A prosecution was some time since instituted by the proprietors of the New York Daily Sentinel, against a subscriber for the amount of his subscription to that paper. He pleaded that he had not ordered the paper, that it was sent him without his requesting it. The plaintiff, however, recovered the amount claimed; for it was decided, that persons receiving a newspaper, without ordering it to be discontinued, are liable in every instance for the price of subscription.

Balloon Ascension.—Mr. Elliott made another successful ascension from Charleston on the 30 inst. The day was clear and the weather favorable. Mr. E. intends visiting New Orleans.

Mr. Parker on Saturday afternoon last, made an ascension from the square north of the President's house, in Washington City. The weather was quite favorable—Mr. P. landed safely.

Highway Robbery.—The late reported highway robbery in the neighborhood of Boston, turns out somewhat different from the story at first published. It has been robbed, lost nothing but the use of his limbs, a catastrophe brought upon him by disregarding the admonitions of the Temperance Society,—in other words he was drunk, and undertaking to ride home in a market cart, he fell out and the wheel run over his head. He made up the story to deceive his family.—*N. Y. Com. Adv.*

From Surinam.—Great complaints are made at Surinam by the planters, of the effect of the English Abolition Law. The slaves, it seems, steal whatever boats they can find, and cross over to the English side, where they are protected by the authorities and made free. This may lead to a spirited negociation, but is too small a matter to result in war.

West India Weathers in Guiana.—We have often heard of the industry and activity of the Weatherfield ladies among the onions, but nothing quite equal to the following which was communicated to us a few days since by a gentleman of that town, as a matter of fact. "A few days since two young ladies of this town put up *seven hundred bunches of onions* in one day. One hundred and fifty in an ordinary day's work for a female."—*Hartford Recorder.*

Sagacity Wanted.—A gentleman told us the other day, that while talking with a friend of his upon the subject of marriage, he made the following observation—"I first saw my wife in a storm, carried her to a ball in a storm, courted her in a storm, was published to her in a storm, married to her in a storm, lived with her always in a storm, but thank heaven he had buried her in pleasant weather.—*Amoreuth.*

The characteristic faithlessness of the Arabs in Africa, after all their promises to the French, again begins to manifest itself, as might have been expected. A sub lieutenant, who had left Oran on a hunting excursion, not returning with his dog, it led to suspicion, and his body was found on the border of a lake, decapitated by the same tribe to whom the French colony had rendered so much hospitality, and taken under their protection.

The great London theatres open in Sept. and some of the minors—including Madame Vestris's. At Covent Garden, M. Vandenhoff (from the Liverpool stage) opens in *Coriolanus.* Miss Josephine Clifton, the beautiful American actress, who made such a sensation in Liverpool, is engaged for the heroine, and will soon appear as *Belisaria.*

O'Connel is at his residence, Derrinane Abbey, and writes a letter about once a week on the situation and prosperity of Ireland. He avows himself "a unimaginative," that is, he will be no if the minority act justly and liberally to Ireland.

Cobbett is in Ireland, lecturing on the state of the country. He is patronised by O'Connel, and he charges for admission to his lectures, saying that the tithe pay is "to pay his travelling expenses."

The celebrated elephant Kammy, while on the route from Lyons to Marseilles, meeting a cart with six horses mired, drew the same, without the least difficulty, out of the unpleasant situation, for which service he was rewarded with a draught of wine.

A short time ago a fisherman at Chaton, on casting his net into the Seine, drew up a bag containing three hundred gold medals, on all of which appears the head of the emperor Napoleon. The fisherman cannot say, with the unfortunate emperor above mentioned, "I have lost a day."

The quantity of coals consumed in England and Wales is calculated as follows:—In the manufactories, 3,500,000 London chaldrons; in household consumption, 5,500,000; making 9,000,000 London chaldrons, consumed from inland collieries. The quantity sent coastwise on both sides of the island, is 3,000,000 chaldrons; making 12,000,000 in all.

Language of Birds.—A crow, in 1813, in Scotland, attempted to screw one of a brood of 13 chickens (a very unusual attempt on the part of this bird, as they seem to prefer putrid aliment;) however, while in the act of darting down, a servant opened the window and frightened it away. In the course of the day, exactly thirteen crows made their appearance, and each one seizing a chicken, flew off in triumph with the whole family of infant bipeds.—*Scientific Tracts.*

A new candidate for public favour.—The editor of the Liverpool Mercury is growing quite poet cal. We give below, a specimen of his *first attempt*, which, he says, is far better, and more harmonious, than three fourths of the stuff with which his old barrel is lumbered. Only hear him:

Last night a cat claw'd up our chimbly,
But tumbled down again quite nimbly,
She sell right plump into the tubers,
And burnt her whiskers all to smashes.

Turnpike or Portugal.—Who would have believed, a few years since, that the Throne of Portugal, would have been shared by one of the Princes of the Bonaparte en dynasty? Yet such is the fact. The Cortes has ordained that the Queen, Donna Maria, is to be wedded to the son of Eugene Beauharnois, who was the only son of the Empress Josephine, by her first husband, who fell a victim to the revolution, on the scaffold. Prince Eugene was the favorite, and almost the only one, among Bonaparte's general officers; all the others, even his own brethren, were made use of to suit his temporary purposes, and were cast aside when no longer wanted; but Beauharnois, in every occasion, supported the Emperor's combinations, and from the establishment of the kingdom of Italy in 1804, held up vice royalty till the abdication at Fontainbleau. He was one of the most accomplished men, and civil the officers of his day. Of his son we have heard nothing, but if he inherits a spark of his father's spirit, the succient house of Braganza will not be likely, during his reign, to be shaken.—*N. Y. Com. Adv.*

At a stated meeting of the Board of Inspectors of the Prisons of the City and County of Philadelphia, held Nov. 3d, 1834, the following gentlemen were elected officers for the ensuing six months:

President—James Hutchinson.
Secretary—Samson Privit.
Treasurer—Isaac Kessler.
Anthony Fregel was elected Principal Keeper of Walnut street Prison.
Jacob Reakert, Principal Keeper of Arch street Prison.

Travellers to Trenton, N. J. by way of the rail-road, will bear in mind that Ann's line of Omnibuses will carry them from the centre of the city to Kensington, free of charge, an arrangement for that purpose having been made between the Proprietor and the Directors of the rail. The time occupied in the passage to Trenton, is but little over an hour, and it is altogether a pleasant and agreeable ride.

At the termination of the rail-road in Kensington, Omnibuses are always in readiness, on the arrival of the cars, to convey passengers to any part of the city, without charge.

NAUTICAL EXPEDITION.

On the application of J. N. Reynolds, Esq. the legislature of Rhode Island has given an expression of opinion favourable to a national expedition to the Southern and Pacific Oceans, for the purpose of ascertaining the precise location of harbors, and for surveying them, and pointing out obstructions to navigation, and that discovery of new sources of wealth to enquire the adventurous hibers of American seamen. A resolution recommending the subject to the favorable opinion of the Congress of the United States has been adopted.

CAPITAL PUNISHMENT.

We made reference, some time since, to a discussion in the British legislature, on the subject of abolishing capital punishment for letter stealing, and returning from transportation. A continuation of the debate, in a London paper which has been lying on our table for some weeks, possesses much interest. Lord Suffield, in the course of his eloquent remarks in support of the bill, assumed the position that capital punishment was less efficient in the repression of crime, than were other punishments—and, further, that its indirect but certain tendency was to *increase crime.* The experience of various countries, he said, confirmed this observation. In Bombay, under the recordership of Sir James Mackintosh, capital punishments had been altogether suspended for seven years, and the number of murders diminished during that period to six, whereas, in the preceding seven years, when 12 executions took place, there had been 18 convictions for murder; so that murders diminished to one third the number by discontinuing the use of the scaffold. The decrease was probably owing to public executions no longer continuing to brutalize the feelings of spectators, or to render criminals reckless and desperate in the commission of crime. In France, too, in proportion as capital punishments became fewer, murders also became fewer. Thus, in the three years ending with 1827, there were 190 executions, and 831 murders took place; but in the next three years, ending with 1830, when only 112 executions happened, the number of murders fell to 708.

Again—

"The best criterion of the number of crimes, was the number of commitments; but even this was an imperfect one in the present instance, because, in instituting a comparison between offences still capital, and those that had lately ceased to be so, we must recollect that many now prosecuted, would have been allowed to escape with impunity if their lives were still liable to be forfeited on conviction. Yet, in spite of this disadvantage, the comparison was immediately in favour of the removal of capital punishment, for taking all those offences subject to this penalty, it would be found from Parliamentary returns, that they had increased 44 per cent. in the last three years, over the former three years, while on the other hand, in the same period, the offences from which the punishment of death was removed, had increased only two per cent., which was virtually a decrease, considering the increase of population. And then, again, look at the convictions—the average proportion of convictions for non-capital offences was 72 in every 100 commitments. So it was in those crimes that had lately ceased to be capital, but for crimes still capital, the average number of commitments was only 47—25 (the difference between 72 and 47) escaping by verdict of acquittal, because the punishment denounced was death. This was a most important fact, for upon reference to the number capitally indicted in the last three years, it would be found that more than 600 prisoners, and these charged with the heaviest crimes, had been liberated by verdicts of acquittal, and set at liberty to prey upon society, for no other reason than because the law denounced a punishment to which public opinion was opposed. The fact was, that there was a growing conviction in society of the unfitness of this punishment. Even, as to the crime of incendiarism, the House of Commons, by sanctioning the second reading of a bill now in progress, had proposed to abolish the punishment of death, as inadequate to repress the crime. Rewards were resorted to for the conviction of the offenders, but these also failed. The British public had an abhorrence of what was called 'Blood money'—rewards were offered in vain. A case was lately tried at Northampton, where the newspapers were in a fury, probably some of them farmers, showed that a prisoner, charged the capital punishment, by bringing in a verdict of guilty (of arson) with a recommendation to mercy. During the last three years, so frequent were the acquittals of the charge of arson, that out of 277 prisoners committed, only 78 were convicted—that was, only 28 per cent. Here, then, in-stead of 72 per cent. being convicted, as in non-capital cases, there would be found to be 72 per cent. escaping with impunity! and only 72 per cent. He was quite convinced that the time was fast approaching, when it would be found absolutely necessary to abolish capital punishment for many offences. There was a great reluctance on the public mind, to inflict a mode of punishment ought not to be inflicted except in cases of murder; it was becoming a general feeling that capital punishment should be abolished in all offences against property—(hear.) It was she wn by returns and accurate calculation, which might safely be relied upon, that in those cases where capital punishment had remained the same, and had virtually diminished where a less severe punishment was substituted."

On the negative side of the question, several forcible speeches were made, the leading arguments of which are embraced in the annexed extract:

The duke of Richmond said, he did not rise to follow the noble lord through his statement, nor should he detain their lordships any length of time; but having presided for three or four years over the post-office department, which the bill in its present shape materially affected, (but the noble lord had signified an intention to withdraw the clause in committee,) he felt

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PHILADELPHIA:

Saturday, Nov. 15, 1834.

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☞ CHRISTIAN HERR, postmaster at Williamstown, Lancaster county, Pa., will oblige us by remitting, without further delay, the amount of money in his hands which he has collected from our subscribers.

URBANNA, Va. Nov. 1, 1834.

MR. S. C. ATKINSON!

SIR.—You have been sending a paper directed R. Dye, Rockfish, Middlesex county, Virginia, which came to this office. There is no such man in this county, nor a post-office by that name. I am inclined to think you have made a mistake in the state, as there is no other county of Middlesex but this, in the state of Virginia. I have not been postmaster long, or you should have been informed before; but I have known this paper to have come regularly to this office for more than two years.—Yours, &c.

THOS. MEUSE, P. M.

The foregoing is another instance of the abuses practised upon us by the post-office department. A misdirected paper, it appears, has been received by the former postmaster, at Urbanna, for more than two years, when he knew it was intended for another person.

AMERICAN ACADEMY OF FINE ARTS.

We are glad to learn that the present exhibition is visited daily, by numbers of our citizens. The increasing interest excited in relation to the Academy, affords conclusive evidence of refined taste, in regard to works of arts, among Philadelphians, and prove our fair encouragement to the labours of our talented artists. The present exhibition, in addition to many standard productions which have been noticed before, comprises a large number of superior paintings from the pencils of artists of this city. Among them we may mention the portraits by Inman, Sully, Neagle and Mifflin. The latter gentleman gives unequivocal proofs of taste and genius in his paintings, and he will, no doubt, soon rank among the most eminent artists in the country.

The portraits of J. R. Ingersoll, H. D. Gilpin, A. C. Barclay, D. W. Coxe, J. N. Maffitt, and Charles Kemble, Esqs. and of Miss Kemble and Miss Prudence Crandall, are all finely executed. In every instance the likeness is striking, and the superior finish of the works give evidence of a high degree of perfection in the art. A large number of beautiful landscapes and fancy sketches, are also to be found in the several rooms, and two or three interesting family groups, invariably attract the attention of the most careless observer.

No lady or gentleman of Philadelphia, should fail to visit this exhibition, however limited may be their knowledge of painting. The fine arts will soon become a *fashionable* study, and every individual should endeavor to acquire sufficient taste to be able to express an opinion upon all works that they examine. Besides this consideration, a leisure hour can in no place be more profitably spent than in the Academy of Fine Arts, where the mind is entertained and instructed by a contemplation of the works of men of acknowledged genius, in both ancient and modern times.

THE GARDEN OF AMERICA.

Two of the passengers in the South America, which sailed from New York, for Liverpool, on the 1st instant, were Messrs. Brown and McNab. These gentlemen, it is stated in a New York paper, arrived here in June last, on a botanical tour through the United States and Canada, under the auspices of the Royal Botanic Garden of Edinburgh. They have, during that short period, explored an immense tract of country, and have taken back with them several hundred entire new plants to add to that already splendid establishment. They express themselves delighted with our *Eden-like* wilderness—glorious decked margin rivers, and magnificent lakes. They have, in pursuit of their object, taken up their abode in dreary forests and marshes, and paddled their canoe with the Indians on Lake Huron. These scientific expeditions, having matters of pure taste in view, it is to be hoped will be often repeated, as there is, perhaps, no region on earth so full of interest to the lover of botanical research as North America—whose noble lakes, rivers and prairies are, from the month of May till September, perfect gardens of the most beautiful flowers and shrubs, and which, for the most part, succeed admirably when transplanted into the well-kept gardens of Europe.

SPEED ON RAIL-ROADS.

The result of the election in New York was brought to this city, on Thursday of last week, in less than five hours; or at the rate of thirty miles an hour. An express left New York in the steam-boat Swan, which arrived at Amboy in a little over two hours. A locomotive engine was then started on the rail-road, which ran the whole length of the road, within a few miles of Camden, where a horse and sulkey was in readiness. It reached Philadelphia before 12 A. M.

This speed, although not greater than the ordinary rate of travelling between New York and Philadelphia, may, we have no question, be readily obtained, even with a heavy load of passengers. On rail-roads the resistance and friction are very trifling, and forty and fifty miles per hour may soon be obtained, without difficulty, as soon as our locomotives are brought to a state of perfection. This, it is probable, will be the case in the course of the ensuing season; and it is very probable that the trip between the two cities will be regularly made in five hours; so that the Philadelphian may breakfast at home, dine in New York, and sup in his own domicil; having travelled between sun-rise and sun-set, without fatigue, no less than two hundred miles.

In the course of the winter, the rail-road from Amboy will be continued to Camden, and steam-boat travelling on the Delaware, except in crossing the river to Camden, may be dispensed with. The distance to New York, by this route, is ninety-four miles.

A still shorter route is in contemplation, by the way of Trenton, on the Pennsylvania side; and from Trenton to Jersey city, opposite New York—distance 86 miles. A rail-road on the first section, has already been opened, and the distance—26 miles—travelled in one hour. Should permission be obtained from the legislature of New Jersey, to extend the line on the second section, and the country is remarkably favourable for such a project, the two great cities of the Atlantic slope will be brought within *three* hours of each other. This declaration, however incredible it may appear to some, is literally true. On a rail-road almost any speed may be obtained; and that of forty miles an hour is quite moderate, compared with the calculations which have been made in Europe.

Either, or both of these routes completed, and the line from this city to Washington, now in contemplation finished, the journey from New York to Washington will be a mere trifle. From Philadelphia to West Chester, 30 miles, the road is already in operation, and the people of West Chester are making arrangements to continue it to Port Deposit. From that place to Baltimore, a rail-road is already under ways and from Baltimore to Washington—36 miles—the road is nearly finished. These facts are indubitable evidences of spirit and enterprise among our people, and the advantages and facilities which these routes will confer upon the community at large, will be commensurate with their magnitude.

RAIL-ROADS AND CANALS.

The increase of rail-roads and canals in the United States, of late years, has been so rapid and constant, that the most careful reader of a daily newspaper, can scarcely have retained them all in his recollection. Almost every week we hear of new works of internal improvement in progress, not in one section of the Union only, but in the south and west, as well as in the north and east, and wherever the enterprising American has chosen a site for his residence, and the operations of his industry and skill. A recent publication by Mr. H. S. Tanner, of this city, containing a brief description of all the canals and rail-roads in the United States, now completed or in progress, will therefore be regarded as a valuable acquisition to those who desire to keep pace with the march of improvement. The work is small but comprehensive. It is embellished with a carefully engraved map of the United States, upon which the canals and rail-roads in each state are accurately marked, and the accompanying letter-press descriptions fully elucidate the extent, courses, points of commencement and termination, length, ascent and descent, locks and inclined planes, tunnels, bridges, cost of construction, &c. of these important works. The descriptions are arranged under the heads of the States, so that any road or canal may be referred to without delay.

This little work will be invaluable for reference, and every citizen should have a copy in his possession. Mr. Tanner, the compiler, is well known in this community, for his enterprise in geographical matters, as his various publications of maps have invariably evidenced much skill, proficiency and untiring industry in the collection and arrangement of useful information.

Another link in the great chain of steam-boat and rail-road communication between the north and south, has been commenced. The Richmond Compiler informs us, that the location of the first eighteen miles of the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac rail-road, is now rapidly advancing, and is expected to be prepared for contract at an early period of the winter. The same paper adds—

It is intimated that the improvements which have been made, both as to the character and expense of this portion of the road, are greater even than were anticipated by the engineer of the work, Moncure Robinson, Esq. at the time of making his report in January last. The portion of the line, from the probable point of branching to the coal pits, to Richmond, is so peculiarly favorable, that a locomotive engine can transport over it with ease 2000 bushels of coal at a load. The valley of Falling Creek, which is used in effecting a descent to that of the South Anna, is believed to possess decided advantages over any other approach to this river on the Pamunkey, within ten miles in either direction.

The whole cost of the road, when completed to this valley, will fall short of $140,000. The line passes through large tracts of woodland, the owners of which can send wood to market, during the winter months, at a profit to themselves as well as to the company. All damages have been relinquished by the landholders, and timber for the purposes of the company is abundant.

On the whole, we may look with entire confidence to the completion of this third part of the road, in one year from this time, and during the winter of 1835-'6, a large amount of business may be expected to be done.

LITERARY NOTICES.

RELIGIOUS SOUVENIR.

The Souvenir, for 1835, is just published by Messrs. Key and Biddle. It contains eight engravings, viz: Mrs. Wolff, by Ellis, from a painting by Lawrence; Vignette; Sunday Morning, by Tucker; Destruction of Sodom, by Smiles; the Invasion, by Neagle; Frederick and Ellen, by Lawson; Early Piety, by Ellis, and Calumet, or the Christian Indian, by Tucker. The embellishments, generally, are well executed; the Frontispiece, Sunday Morning, Frederick and Ellen, and Calumet, are peculiarly fine and expressive, while all give evidence of taste, skill and superior workmanship.

The reading contents we think much superior to the articles in the number for 1834. Among the contributors, in addition to the late editor, Dr. Bedell, we notice the initials of Miss Gould, Miss Woodbridge, W. G. Clark, Mrs. Sigourney, and others of equal celebrity in the literary world. The obituary notice of Dr. Bedell, and the poem to his memory, are extremely well written. The Invasion, by Mrs. Sigourney, and the Calumet, by M. are deeply interesting sketches, but scarcely more entertaining and profitable than various other articles from other writers. The volume altogether possesses strong attractions, and will no doubt be early sought after by the reading community. It is needless to add that the typographical execution and binding, are of the most finished character.

In the preface we are informed that the succeeding volume will be under the editorial care of the Rev. Chauncey Colton, A. M. President of Bristol College.

From the Religious Souvenir, for 1835.

A WINTER SUNSET.

BY MISS A. D. WOODBRIDGE.

I love a winter's sunset. Look, o'er yon
As the bright bird of Heaven his wing extends
E'en to its utmost limit. 'Tis to fold
In one fond, late embrace, the earth which smiles
And catches from each golden plume, a tinge
Of heavenly beauty. Look! the western sky
Was never, in the gorgeous summer-time,
More bright with radiant hues, and never slept
More sweetly on its breast that mountain range.
Ay! is glorious all!

And yet how faint! how dark! compared with Him
Who thus doth condescend to shadow forth,
Of Deity, the tokens.

Stockbridge, Mass. 1834.

TO ——.

Maiden! the hour of pleasure's nigh,
'Tis floating in the bosom of eye;
Its rainbow hues are glancing warm
Around thy young elastic form,
Like moonbeams on the waves of even;
No thought of wo, no thought of care,
Commingles with the ambient air
In which thy bright days roll along
Like the charmed notes of Minstrel song,
Without one breathing after Heaven.

Maiden! the eye whose sparkling beam
Seemed lapped in mirth's bewildering dream,
Is humid now with passion's tears,
And curtained by love's timid fears;
Thy heart, no more to pleasure given,
Luxuriates now in dreams of bliss,
And memory lingers round the kiss.
The first of mutual lips and love—
And all is fairy land, where rove
Young hearts, and still no thought of Heaven.

Lost, Maiden! pleasure cannot last—
Its rainbow lines are fading fast;
The radiant sunshine of thy face—
To Sorrow's clouds must soon give place,
Nor leave one Star to deck thy evening—
Love, too, may wither ere its bloom;
This chilling world is but the Tomb,
Of all the fond heart's choicest things,
Round which its warm devotion clings,
And makes them light, life, Joy and Heaven.

Oh what can solace now impart;
Say, what can bind thy breaking heart?
Religion's power, Religion's aid
Alone can save thee, drooping maid,
And heal the soul with anguish riven,
Her hopes will soothe thy withering fears,
Her consolations dry thy tears.
Then'lt breathe of peace, thou'lt breathe of love,
And dream of raptured words above,
Of pure and fadeless bliss in Heaven.

P. H. E.

BULWERS NEW NOVEL.

The "Last Days of Pompeii," is the title of a new novel, from the pen of Bulwer, which has just appeared in London. The American edition will be published by the Harpers, of New York, in the course of a few days. In the meantime, as our readers may feel some curiosity in regard to the character of the work, we append a brief notice from the last Knickerbocker, the editors of which have perused the London copy. It is stated that 1000 copies of the first edition were sold in London on the day of publication.

The Last Days of Pompeii: By the author of "Pelham," "Eugene Aram," etc. Two vols. 12mo.

"This latest production of the author of Pelham is destined, we believe, to take rank with the best of his works. As the volumes have not yet been published, we must content ourselves with such a reference to them as may convey a partial foretaste of their contents. We may say, indeed, that the romance-reading public have a feast in store of no ordinary description; but in justice to the grand intellectual purveyors, under whose auspices it is' got up,' we must leave the guests to partake of the banquet, when the board shall be duly spread—serving up in the meanwhile, however, a few dainties from side-tables.

"Judging from the frequent alterations—and always for the better—which we remark in Mr. Bulwer's hand-writing, in the leaves of our English copy, it might be supposed that, penned in haste, it must therefore be unfinished and inferior. No such inference would be drawn from the volumes themselves, which, though written hastily in Naples, and transmitted to England for publication, still bear the rich and elaborate finish of the author. The truth and nature of the local descriptive portions, sufficiently evince that the "Last Days of Pompeii" was written upon or near the spot where the ancient city sleeps in adamant; and a thorough knowledge of the history and events of that remote period, and an admirable management of the unities of time and place, will strike the reader as prominent characteristics of the work. The characters, too, and pictures of scenery are drawn with the easy and powerful hand of a master. Indeed, in no one of the Pelham novels, is there a more perfect portraiture than that of the lovely heroine, or the dark-hearted, wily Egyptian. Without giving a clue to the denouement—for which the judicious novel-reader will thank us—we may advert to a few features of the work, as affording a slight touch of its quality. The light and graceful conversations in the opening scene at Pompeii, between two young Pompeian cits, is interlarded with those terse, epigrammatic sentences and flowing periods, so peculiar to the *full mind* of the writer. In mien of the early pages, an architectural correctness in the description of the dwellings of Pompeii, seems something too minute; and the dialogues between Glaucus and Claudius, are a little tedious. In the occasional verses that are introduced, there is much of feeling and poetic beauty. The song of the Thessalian flower-girl—an exceedingly interesting character, by the way—is extremely touching. The scene at the Temple of Isis, between the Egyptian Arbaces and Apaecides, will impress the reader as a near approach to the great power of Scott in a similar picture. The flashback in Pompeii, and the discourses of the gentlemen of the classic ring, bear, in their spirit, a resemblance to some of the easy dialogues of Paul Clifford. The proud that drew the more touching scenes of Eugene Aram, is visible in the annexed extract, which introduces two lovers in a 'course of wooing,' and hints at the vicissitudes which are afterwards described with such thrilling effect:

"Meanwhile, Glaucus sought the house of the beautiful Nepotilla. He found Ione sitting amidst her attendants who were at work around her. Her harp stood at her side, for Ione herself was unusually idle, perhaps, unusually thoughtful, that day. He thought her even more beautiful by the morning light, and in her simple robe, than amidst the blazing lamps, and decorated with the costly jewels of the previous night; —not the less so from a certain pensive shade that overspread her transparent hues—not the less so from the blush that mounted over them when he approached. Accustomed to flatter, flattery died upon his lips when he addressed Ione. He felt it beneath her to utter the homage which every look conveyed. They spoke of Greece; this was a theme on which one lovers rather to listen, than converse; it was a theme on which the Greek could have been eloquent forever. He described to her the silver groves that yet clad the banks of Illyssus and the temples, already despoiled of half their glories—but how beautiful in decay! He looked back on the melancholy city of Harmodius the free, and Pericles the magnificent, from the height of that distant memory, in which all the ruder and darker shades employed into light. He had seen the land of poetry chiefly in the political age of early youth; and the associations of patriotism were blended with those of the flush and spring of life. And Ione listened to him, absorbed and mute; dearer were those accents, and those descriptions, than all the prodigal adulation of her numberless adorers. Was it a sin to love her countryman? she loved Athens, in him—the gods of her race, the land of her dreams, spoke to her in his voice! From that time they daily saw each other. At the cool of the evening, they made excursions on the placid sea. By night they met again in Ione's porticos and halls. Their love was sudden, but it was strong; it filled all the sources of their life. Heart—brain—sense—imagination—all were its ministers and priests. As you take some obstacle from two objects that have a natural attraction—they met, and united at once; their wonder was, that they had lived separate so long; and it was natural that they should so love. Young, beautiful, and gifted—of the same birth and the same souls; there was poetry in their very union. They imagined the heavens smiled upon their affection. As the persecuted seek refuge at the shrine, so they recognized in the altar of their love an asylum from the sorrows of earth; they covered it with flowers—they knew not of the serpents that lay coiled behind."

The occasional episodes, embodying beautiful and opposite similes, deep thought, various learning, and an accurate knowledge of human character and motion, are no less prominent in this than in the other works of our author. We subjoin an example or two. After a description of the arts of the Egyptian Arbaces in pouring the 'leprous disfigurement' of slander and suspicion into the ears of the beautiful Ione concerning her lover, the author remarks:

"It is not without interest to observe in those remote times, and under a social system so widely different from the modern—the same small causes that ruffle and interrupt the 'course of life,' which operate so commonly at this day; the same inventive jealousy, the same credulous slander, the same crafty and laborious retailings of petty gossip which so often now suffice to break the ties of the truest love, and counteract the tenor of circumstances most apparently propitious.—When the bark sails on over the smoothest wave, the table tells us of the diminutive fish that can cling to the keel and retard its progress—as it ever with the great passions of mankind—and we should paint life but ill, if, even in times the most prodigal of romance, and of the romance of which we must largely avail ourselves, we did not also delineate the mechanism of those trivial and household springs of mischief which we see every day at work in our chambers and at our hearths. It is in these, the lesser intrigues, of life, that we mostly find ourselves at home with the past."

To this charming digression, we add the following, taken from a description of the heroine:

"No one ever possessed superior intellectual qualities without knowing them. The alternation of modesty and merit is not enough, but there must also be great, the veil of that modesty you admire never disguises its extent from its possessor. It is the proud consciousness of certain qualities that it cannot reveal to the every day world, that gives to genius that shy and reserved and troubled air, which puzzles and flatters you when you encounter it. Do not discourage yourself, vain worldling, by the thought that the embarrassed manner of you great man is a sign that he does not know his superiority to you!—that which you take for modesty is the struggle of self esteem. He knows but too oppressively how immeasurably greater he is than you, and is only discomposed because, in the places you encounter him, he finds himself suddenly descended to your level. He has not conversation—he has not thoughts—he has not intercourse with such as you—it is your littleness that disconcerts him, not his own!"

In the descriptions of scenery, and exhibition of human affections and passions, the "Last Days of Pompeii" will compare favourably with any previous work from the pen of the writer. Its plot too, is without intricacy, and the tendency of details towards it, natural. With this brief notice—which it is but justice to say, affords neither a synopsis nor a review, but a foretaste merely of the contents, we take leave of the work for the present."

NEW YORK.

The vote for members of Congress in the city and county of New York, stands as follows:

Jackson.		*Anti-Jackson.*	
Cambreleng,	19,019	O. Hoffman,	16,822
C. P. White,	18,983	G. Verplanck,	16,806
John McKeon,	18,970	J. G. King,	16,692
Ely Moore,	18,953	D. Sedgwick,	16,598
For Governor and Lieut. Governor.			
Marcy,	19,015	Seward,	16,892
Tracy,	19,945	Stillwell,	16,611

The returns for Governor, throughout the state, which are now complete, give Marcy a majority ruling 12,000. The annexed account is believed to be nearly correct.

RETURN OF VOTES FOR 1832 and 1834.

	1832. GOVERNOR. Marcy.	Granger.	Maj. Marcy.	1834. Maj. Seward
Albany.	4392	4341	100	
Allegany.	2669	2446		357
Broome.	1251	1012		239
Cattaraugus.	1314	1773		539
Cayuga.	4401	3630	714	
Chataugue.	2242	3978		1369
Chenango.	3666	3666	632	
Clinton.	1736	1076	330	
Columbia.	2953	2658	287	
Cortlandt.	1636	1015		153
Delaware.	2898	1992	1793	
Dutchess.	4777	4161	1011	
Erie.	1743	4356		2633
Essex.	1339	1748		858
Franklin.	969	1080		208
Genesee.	3049	5753		2738
Greene.	3048	2117	931	
Herkimer.	3633	1603	1530	
Jefferson.	4203	4418	139	
Kings.	1234	1148	555	
Lewis.	1450	836	509	
Livingston.	1726	2989		1263
Madison.	3303	3696	495	
Monroe.	3358	3357		1000
Montgomery.	4572	3329	888	
New York.	17,847	12,620	2397	
Niagara.	1246	2204		891
Oneida.	6459	5924	600	
Onondaga.	5366	4765	950	
Ontario.	4341	4301		1393
Orange.	4192	3904	973	
Orleans.	1308	1674	119	
Oswego.	2558	1391	567	
Otsego.	4685	4157	1468	
Putnam.	1159	874	456	
Queens.	1693	1429	139	
Rensselaer.	4812	4251	25	
Richmond.	566	581		63
Rockland.	958	366	812	
Saratoga.	3449	3450	100	
St. Lawrence.	3321	2724	644	
Schenectady.	1374	1136	30	
Schoharie.	2067	1751	1102	
Seneca.	2054	1756	283	
Steuben.	2798	2146	1000	
Suffolk.	2578	1449	1198	
Sullivan.	1247	1172	303	
Tioga.	2486	1963	1921	
Tompkins.	3290	3093	450	
Ulster.	3981	2174	1750	
Warren.	1248	668	630	
Washington.	2210	2711		1303
Wayne.	2510	2217	779	
Westchester.	3068	2962	704	
Yates.	1946	1346	14	
Total.	166,410	136,672	27,231	15,131

MEMBERS OF CONGRESS.

(COMPLETE.)

1st district—	Abel H Huntington, * of Suffolk.	
2d "	Samuel Barton, of Richmond	
3d "	F. C. Cambreleng,*	
	Campbell P. White,*	
	John McKeon,	
	Ely Moore, New York	
4th "	Aaron Ward,* of Westchester	
5th "	Abm. Bockee,* of Dutchess.	
6th "	John W. Brown,* of Orange.	
7th "	Nicholas Sickles, of Ulster.	
8th "	Aaron Vanderpoel,* of Col.	
	Valentine Ebner, of Schoharie	
9th "	*Hiram P. Hunt*, of Rensselaer.	
10th "	Gerrit Y. Lansing,* of Albany.	
11th "	John Cramer,* of Saratoga.	
12th "	*David Russell*, of Washington.	
13th "	Dudley Farlin, of Warren.	
14th "	Ransom H. Gillett,* St. Lawrence.	
15th "	Matthias J. Bovee, of Montgomery.	
16th "	Aliph Mann, jr.,* of Herkimer	
17th "	Samuel Beardsley,* of Oneida	
	Joel Tyrrell,* of Oswego.	
18th "	Daniel Wardell,* of Jefferson.	
19th "	Sherman Page,* of Otsego.	
20th "	William Seymour, of Broome.	
21st "	William Mason, of Chenango.	
22d "	Joseph Reynolds, of Cortlandt	
	Stephen B. Leonard, of Tioga.	
23d "	Wm. Taylor,* of Onondaga.	
	Wm. K. Fuller,* of Madison.	
24th "	Ulysses F. Doubleday, Cayuga	
25th "	Graham H. Chapin, Wayne.	
26th "	*Francis Granger*, of Ontario.	
27th "	Joshua Lee, of Yates.	
28th "	*Timothy Childs*, of Monroe.	
29th "	*George W. Lay*,* of Genesee.	
30th "	*Phelo C. Fuller*,* of Livingston	
31st "	*Abner Hazlettine*, of Chautauque.	
32d "	*Thomas C. Love*, of Erie.	
33d "	*Gideon Hard*,* of Chenango.	
[To fill vacancies in present Congress.]		
2d "	John Morgan,	New York.
	Charles G. Ferris,	New York.

Those in Italics are Whig Members.

* Members of the present Congress.

In the House of Assembly there will be 98 Jackson and 35 Whig members. In the Senate there is also a Regency majority.

SWAIM'S PANACEA.

Much has been said about the composition of the above medicine, and some chemists have gone so far as to declare, that the result of their analytical labors had them just ready to conclude that it contained, as a principle ingredient, some metallic preparation.

This assertion has been denied and refuted by evidence of the highest and most respectable character in addition to what the public has already seen on the subject; we subjoin the following letter from the Hon. George W. Erving, our former Minister to Spain and Denmark:

Extract of a letter, dated Paris, May 5th, 1834, from *George W. Erving*, of Massachusetts, (late Minister of the United States in Spain and Denmark) to a friend in Philadelphia.

PARIS, MAY 5, 1834.

My Dear ——, You may recollect that when, just previous to my last departure from Philadelphia, I explained to you the merits of "Swaim's Panacea," and attributed its efficacy principally to sarsaparilla, which I thought to be its basis; I at the same time mentioned a celebrated chemist of your city, had informed me some years ago, that he had discovered mercury, and latterly, that he had found arsenic in this famous medicine. I was not, however, shocked by this information; I had only to transfer my gratitude from sarsaparilla to those more powerful drugs, acknowledging that they had completely expel the herpetic affection which had tormented me, more or less, for fourteen years, and which had resisted all the means, mild and violent, external and internal, which, under the recommendation of the first physicians in this country, and some of our own, I had experimented during that period.

Though three years had passed since the cure of the disorder had been effected, and I had not observed the least symptom of its disposition to return; and consequently was free from all inquietude; yet, to "make security doubly sure," I thought it would be prudent to bring a few bottles of the Panacea with me on my last departure from home, (now twelve months.) I rejoice to say, that I have not had, or am I in the least apprehensive that I shall have occasion to use it; but I found an old acquaintance here, (the Count de C——,) on whom it may be useful; he has much more need of it than I ever had, though, as he is nearly eighty years of age, I do not feel very confident of its success in his case. Before giving it to him, however, good faith and duty to his friend seemed to require that I should have a strict analysis made of the medicine, by the first chemist here; for, though I have not the least objection to mercury or arsenic, or hellebore or prussic acid, I could not presume that he had none; nor could I hope to convert him (much less his physicians, if he should consult them) to my opinion in favour of the salutary, as well as vigorous action of those drugs in all maladies to which they apply, and are used with discretion; for the French procedure in medicine, trying upon the healing power of nature, is as mild and palliative as may be, in all cases which are not of a very alarming character.

By favour, then, of Dr. L. a principal physician in the hospital of St. Louis, (an hospital appropriated to those afflicted by the disease referred to,) and one of these doctors whose prescriptions I followed some years ago, I obtained the analysis of which I herewith enclose a copy; it is perfectly satisfactory to my friend C., since it not only shows, contrary to the opinion of Dr. Hare, which it cites, that there is not any mercury in the Panacea, but it declares that no mineral substance whatever can be found in its composition.

This analysis may be useful to Mr. Swaim, and I pray you to have the goodness to transmit it to him through whatever channel, or in such form as to you shall seem most proper.

With very affectionate and respectful sentiments,

Always your most obliged and
Obedient servant,

Signed, GEORGE W. ERVING.

TRANSLATION.

Analysis of Swaim's Panacea.

A deep brown liquid of the consistence of a clear syrup, of an alcoholic and aromatic odour; of a sugary taste; not bitter but a little sharp.

This medicine is of that which is now called "Concentrated Essence," or "Liquid Extract, or Portable Tisan, of Sarsaparilla;" but it is impossible to tell what vegetable substances enter into its composition. According to a note inserted in the Journal of Pharmacy, vol. 18, page 170, it would appear that Swaim's Panacea owes its odour at least to the volatile oil of "Gaultheria procumbens," a small shrub analogous to the health, which grows abundantly in South America.

In the notes just now cited, it is stated that Robert Hare professor of Chemistry, in the University of Pennsylvania, North America, examined Swaim's Panacea in 1827, and found mercury in it. I will confine myself to the attempts to detect the presence of this metal.

Neither the taste of the Panacea, nor the preliminary experiment made upon it by reactives indicates that it contains any metallic substance.

It is acknowledged that no mercurial salts are reduced to a state of insolubility, and often even to a metallic state, by medicines of an organic nature, to which they are often added; it was therefore in the deposite of Swaim's Panacea, that the existence of mercury should be sought.

The Panacea having been carefully decanted, the bottle was rinsed with distilled water, by which means an abundant whitish precipitate was collected, which having been well washed, was treated with nitric acid, and vaporated to dryness. The residue was treated with water, which only dissolved a small portion of sulphate of lime, and a minimum quantity of phosphate of lime; there was no trace of metallic substance and above all, not even an indication of mercurial salts.

The largest portion of the residue being insoluble in water was treated with hydrochloric acid, which dissolved it, with the exception of a steady matter. The yellow solution deposited a yellow precipitate, containing iron and phosphate of lime, which deliquesced in the air.

The insoluble residue in the water was quite white; it was dissolved again in hydrochloric acid, which coloured it (deep brown); this white residue was a double phosphate of lime and iron, which is almost always found in an analysis of animal matter: the presence alone of this compound (phosphate of lime and iron,) appears to indicate that some animal matter enters into the preparation of Swaim's Panacea.

Hospital at St. Louis Paris.

MR. DUPONT.

We published last week, a notice of the decease of Mr. Dupont an enterprising citizen of a neighbouring state. The annexed particulars of his history, we extract from the Wilmington Gazette:

JAMES DU POUT was an extraordinary man. We never knew one who combined such energy of character, such high and unbending integrity, with so much tenderness of heart, so much expansive and disinterested benevolence, philanthropy and charity. In him were finely blended all the higher and all the gentler elements of our nature: the firm purpose, the active energy of man—the delicate sensibility and tenderness of woman—with a childlike artlessness and freedom from guile. It is more than 30 years since Irene Du Pont established his residence in this vicinity. He left France, where he and his venerated father, Du Pouy *de Nemours*, had been exposed to Jacobin persecution, and only escaped its worst effects by the fall of Robespierre; and in 1800 settled on the banks of the Brandywine. He was the Pioneer who penetrated what was then almost a wilderness, and converted it into the smiling and prosperous scene which its borders and the adjacent country now present. Prosperous in his own business, he made use of that prosperity, to promote the happiness, to advance the welfare, and increase the comfort and prosperity of all around him.—Frugal and simple in all that related to himself, he seemed to regard the ample means which Providence and his own industry had placed in his hands, as a trust fund for the benefit of others. By a course of judicious expenditures and improvements, he gave constant and profitable employment to hundreds. His charities were princely—the tears of the fatherless and the pangs of the widowed heart were relieved by his munificence. We saw these objects of his benevolence follow their benefactor to the grave—and never can forget the touching spectacle—the heart-felt sorrow speaking in their countenances, the silent tears coursing down their cheeks, the mournful tribute of grateful hearts, testifying to the virtues of the friend and protector they had lost. No appeal of benevolence passed by him unheeded—his heart, his hand, his purse, were always open to promote every kind intent, every generous impulse, every charitable and public spirited enterprise. Constantly and indefatigably engaged as he was in the management and transaction of a most extensive business, he always found time to indulge the dictates of an benevolent heart as ever beat in a human bosom. He was a benefactor not merely by his direct charities and benevolences, but by the large capital he circulated, giving profitable employment to thousands, and promoting useful industry every where around him. The town and the adjacent districts of Christiana and Brandywine hundreds, have augmented their population and wealth more than two-fold, since Irene Du Pont gave the first impulse to the manufacturing resources of the Brandywine. He was indeed, the centre around which revolved a circle of unfeigned associations, the kindest charities, the warmest friendships, every useful and valuable tie which binds and endears man to his fellow man. We have no heart to pursue this theme further:—we have lost a friend whom we loved and venerated—this community a benefactor—our State its most useful and valuable citizen. A mysterious and inscrutable Providence has suddenly removed him from among us, in the midst of his usefulness, and it becomes us humbly to bow to the decree.

Uncommon Occurrence.—On Thursday week, some persons were opening an old well in Hawkins street, for the purpose of placing in it a suction pipe. Before any attempt was made to descend, a light was brought, in order, by letting it down, to ascertain whether the air was fit for respiration. The moment the light was held over the well, an instantaneous combustion took place, emitting a light blue flame, accompanied with intense heat, and setting the ground and buildings for some rods around. Two men, who were standing at the top of the well, were considerably scorched and blistered. *Boston Patriot.*

BEARS.—In West Jersey the bears have appeared recently in great numbers, and are rather too familiar in their visits. The late frosts in the spring appear to have diminished their resources in the swamps and forests, and hence their recent foraging excursions to the cultivated districts. Five were lately seen in the neighborhood of Gloucestertown, 18 miles from Philadelphia, and two killed.

By the recent eruption of Vesuvius, the habitations of 180 families have been swallowed up, and 800 individuals bereft of an asylum. The Neapolitan government, to alleviate the distress, is distributing the common lands to those whose property has been entirely destroyed.

Philadelphia Prices Current.

Corrected for the Saturday Evening Post, by Isaac T. Hopper, editor and publisher of the Reporter, Commercial Register, Price Current.

FRIDAY MORNING, NOV. 12, 1834.

ASHES—		New Orleans.	3
Pot.	cwt 3 75	Sugar-house.	3
Pearl.	4	do. New York.	3
BUTTER—		do. Patent.	3
Tub.	lb 20	22	do. Russia.
Firkin No. 1	20	20	Tenerife.
No. 2	18	19	Porto Rico.
No. 3	16	17	English French 1st.
COAL.			Bay & Manzanas.
Lehigh.	ton 4 50	5	BACK & REEL.
Schuylkill.			Ist.
COFFEE. Duty.			2d.
Java.	11	12	3d.
St. Domingo.	10	11	Oil.
Porto Rico.			Linseed. Am. from
Cuba.	11	12	stave.
Maracaibo	11	12	do. Dutch.
Laguira.	11	12	Whale. gal.
Jamaica.			Sperm. winter.
Mocha.	19	20	do. spring.
COTTON. Duty 3cts per lb.			PLASTER PARIS
Georgia.		15	Ground. ton
Mobile.		15	in bulk. do
N. Ala and Ten.		15	GRAIN.
N. C. and Geo.		15	Clover. bush
S. C. and Ala.		15	Flaxseed. rough
FREIGHTS.			do. clean. bush
To Liverpool.			Timothy. bush
do. via canal.			Seeds. bush
Wheeling.			Grass.
FLOUR and MEAL.			Rye. bbls
Superfine.	bbl 5 50	5 25	Corn. bbls
Fine.			do. from wagons
Rye.			WOOL.
Rye Meal.			Prime. Saxony fleece
Corn meal.		3 50	do.
do.	in bbls 3 62	3 50	Am wash. full'd.
GRAIN.			do. blood.
Rye Pennsylv.		80	do. half blood.
Corn. S. Carolina.		65	do. quarter.
Wheat. Pennsylv.	1 60	1 67	Am. unwash. full bl'd
do. Southern.	1 55	1 60	do. blood.
do. Virginia.	1 60	1 65	do. half blood.
Corn. L. C. white.		62	do. quarter.
do. L. C. yellow.		65	do. land.
Oats. Pennsylv.		35	Pulled.	3
Oats. Pennsylv.		32	No. 1.	3
Southern.		35	No. 2.	3
Barley. Eastern.		75	No. 3.	3
do. Pennsylv.			Bayonne. class	3
RYE.		75	Spanish. S. F.	3
WHISKY. Duty.			do. lambs.	3
HOGS.				

New Orleans.	3	3	
Sugar-house.	3	3	
do. New York.	3	3	
do. Patted.	3	3	
do. Russia.	3	3	
Tenerife.			
Porto Rico.	17	18	
English French 1st.	21	24	
Bay & Manzanas.	21	24	
BACK & REEL.			
1st.	bbl 4 50	4 75	
2d.	3 50	3 75	
3d.	2 50	2

THE GLEE

"Life is all the value of Life,
That gives it all its charms."

Taken from an old English newspaper, 1750—There is now living at Little Lever, in Great Britain, 1 family, consisting of 1 Grand father, 2 Fathers, 1 Father-in-Law, 2 Brothers, 2 Husbands, 2 Brothers-in-Law, 2 Sons-in-Law, 1 Nephew, 1 Sons, 1 Uncle, 4 Cousins, 1 Grandmother, 1 Mother, 1 Mother-in-Law, 1 Sister-in-Law, 1 Aunt, 3 Daughters, 1 Daughter-in-Law, 1 Granddaughter, 2 Wives and 3 Nieces—15 relations, though only 7 persons or people.

Query—how can this be? An answer is requested.

CHARADE.

Come from our group an unexpected wing to have from which I speak my second in my 6 is.
But wall that second; nourish self-control
And in pursuing wisdom find—my whole.

"Good morning, Sambo—he! how are you to day?" said Jim Bowers to one of his cronies. "In mighty little good health, I thank ye, Jim, but feeling as better every day."

A Welsh clergyman, applied to his discoman for a living; the bishop promised him one; but as the person who had got it was to be at present a pupil, he requested a trial of his qualifications, and accordingly sent him into the interior of the principality, to his wife could not speak Welsh.
"Your wife to?" said the bishop, "what has your wife to do with it?—she can not preach does she?"
"No my lord," said the person, "but she lectured."

Sunrise or Enthusiasm.—"My brethren," said a stout and learned oracle of the pulpit; "My dear brethren, there is a great deal to be *did*, and it is time we were all up and *diddling* on't."

The following epigram illustrates the folly of family quarrels, the world generally blaming both parties. However it be once we may be abroad, it is surely wise to promote tranquility at home.

EPIGRAM

No cat and dog could lead a life,
Of more unceasing noise and strife,
Than our spouse, Thomas and his wife.
The cats, our Thomas is to blame,
While he of her assert is the same
Nay sometimes maketh oath,
To which, then, may we credence give?
Which of these witnesses believe?
Faith! I believe them both!

Dublin Student Examined.—At a recent examination at Trinity College, Dublin, the examiner, a great wag, had his gravity upset by the answers of a freshman, who, on being asked, as follows:
Q. What bear was it that spoke?
A. A White.
Q. To whom did it speak.
A. To Moses in the Bulrushes!
Q. What did it say?
A. Almost then persuadest me to be a christian.
Q. What did Moses reply?
A. Thou art the man!

England is not a place for society—it is too cold, too vain, without pride enough to be humble, drowned in the Protestant formality, vulgarized by rank with not mind.—*Curran's Letter to the Duke of Sussex.*

Mrs. Chapone was asked how it was she was always so still at church? "Because," said she, "it is part of my religion not to disturb the religion of others." *Saturday Magazine.*

Bananas Sick.—A penny shower, the female of whose sex is not far from the Victoria Theatre, has recently exhibited a sign which seems to attract the notice and secure the patronage of numerous dressers in the quarter of Lambeth. How long the negro can hobble may escape the distinguished notice of Temperance Societies is doubtful.—

A clean shave, and a glass of gin, for one penny.
Then follows a doggrel couplet—

All who want shaving, pray step in,
Nothing excels the shaving but the gin!

"*Je peux tile Hara here it is.*" Hermon.

"Laughably," said Joe Bunks, as he was sitting at a table, the other day, "how off is this letter?" as chewed the rag hundred, looking over her specs, also—"here read!" handed I don't know why she asked that question!" "Why I thought," answered Joe, "It must be pretty cross durable old, for I perceive it has got on a wen, but if you'll fetch me a cent here, I'll put get out the horse hair."

"Have you buy real pearl pines?" said a woman, stopping into Mr. ——'s store a few days since. "Yes, ma'am, we've every thing—which will you have Madam? Put you on some of the gals, Ma'am?" "No," said the lady, "I want some that wont show dirt!"

During the last illness of Dr. Chaser, the celebrated French physician, he was attacked with delirium, on recovering from which, he felt his own pulse, muttering himself for one of his patients. "Why was not I called to before I expired he?" "It is too late, sir, the gentleman has been dead!" His attendants answered in the negative. "Then he is alive and mine," cried Chaser; "he will not live six hours" and the prediction was verified.

There are of our Word.—A person who lived in consultation for the bailiffs, having absconded, one of his acquaintance was asked, what was the reason of his absence? to which he replied, "Why, sir, I apprehend he will appreciate of being apprehended off."

The Dutchy who forgot his Harness. In the biography of Hannah More, just published, it is related that when about sixteen, a dangerous illness brought her under the care of Dr. Woodward, a physician of some wealth at that City, and distinguished by his correct taste. On one of his visits, being fond of literature, he was with his patients on subjects of literature, he forgot the purpose of his visit in the fascination of her talk, till suddenly recollecting himself, when he was half way down stairs, he cried out, "Hem-m! I forgot to ask the girl how she was," and returned to the room, on a mission, "How are you to day, my poor child?"

Giving the Bag.—This is well known to be a cant phrase among the gals, equivalent to discarding a beau. A young Gallipolis swag to make an evening visit to a young lady, and upon entering the room found the lady sitting at something right sweet of woman be emptied the chair—she told him her mother had put down nothing a pillow case, and had sewed up both ends! Well, said the gentleman, it is a pity she hadn't sewed you up in it—you pretty answered Miss, and then I suppose you would have wanted her to "give you the bag." *Bangor Whig.*

Kaleidoscopic Curiosity.—D'Israeli tells us that the worthy antiquarian of "the antiquities" knew before their guests when they wish to be particularly polite, put a large silver frog, a sea cell, chain it entire into their friend's mouth, humanely giving one the "Toast." "Toast!" when eating off what hangs about his lips swallow it themselves, as the greatest possible mark of attention they can show him.

"Wooden, thou knave," says Dandie, "the lawful sum of the action which thou do assist to undertake, let thy friendship recommend it to Dorcas blessing. If it be lawful thou shalt perceive thy heart encouraged by the prayer; if unlawful, thou shalt find the prayer disturbed by the Point. That action is not warranted by which either hinders to beg a blessing, or having accomplished, causes not present a thanksgiving."

An old bachelor, possessor of a fortune of 70,000, meeting a friend one day, began to harangue very learnedly upon the detestable sin of avarice, and gave the following instance of it—"Almost three years back," said he, "by a very odd accident I fell into a well, and was absolutely within a very few minutes of perishing before I could prevent upon an unfortunate dog of a labourer, who happened to be within hearing of my cries to help me out for half a crown. The fellow was on respondence to assist upon a crown; no above a quarter of an hour, and I verily believe that he would not have abated me a single farthing if he had not seen the at the last gasp, and I determined rather to die than submit to his extortion."

Country or Coach.—Mr. Allen, a lawyer of some eminence of Connecticut, was a very loud talker. One day in the midst of an argument, a thunder storm came up. The lawyer, to the muttering of the clouds increased, unceasingly raised his voice in prepositions—up and up till it became an effort even to him, to speak; for a minute or two he strove to get the superiority, but finding himself baffled, turned round, and gravely exclaimed, "stop that noise!" Again he was heard, as vociferously earnest as ever, and still unconscious of the cause of this unpointed interruption; but presently another, and louder clap came, "Good God," he cried, stopping and knitting his brow, "will nobody stop that noise?"—*Cincinnati Chronicle.*

The Glory or Egypt.—All the splendor of the Arabian Nights, as realized in the Court of Egypt. The guard of Nubians, with their black glossy countenances, clothed in scarlet and gold, waving their glittering Damascus sabres, and gravely bounding on their snow-white steeds, is perhaps the most picturesque corps in the world. The numerous harems, the crowds of civil functionaries, and military and naval officers, in their embroidered Nizam uniforms, the vast number of pipes and pipe bearers, and other inferior but gaudy minor attendants, the splendid equipage of the Pasha, the Pasha generally being in state in this conducted spot, and it is easy to forget that change and fickleness exists. The transporting scene with all open and illuminated, the pavements full of people in gorgeous groups, some standing, and others gaily passing to and fro, the Pasha's palace, the country gone, the people of pleasure, and people gaze, the Pasha's palace, the country gone, the people of pleasure, and people gaze, the Pasha's palace, the country gone, the people of pleasure, and people gaze